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County might be pulled into another lawsuit

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The unit commander of the Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) met with the Crawford County Board of Commissioner on June 16 to give them an update on the controversy that may embroil them in a lawsuit.

STING is a state-county-local multijurisdictional unit formed in the 1990 to help combat the spread of narcotics across northeastern lower Michigan. Six counties — Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon — agreed to help form the unit in cooperation with the Michigan State Police. Their support was in the form of funding and/or personnel.

Since then various governmental units have dropped out and/or joined the sponsoring groups. By the end of 2003 the sponsoring agencies were Crawford County, Oscoda County, Roscommon County, AuGres (located in Arenac County) and West Branch (located in Ogemaw County). Iosco County withdrew from the project in the spring of 2003.

STING also underwent an

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HERITAGE DAYS FESTIVAL



Two young girls dance with their mother while the Banjo Picker and Friends play at the Crawford County Museum during Heritage Days on Saturday. The event, which followed the parade, featured old-style music and activities. For more on Heritage Days, see Page 9A.

FOURTH OF JULY



Kids paint pet rocks at the city park on July 4th. The Grayling Youth Boosters Club hosted several activities in addition to the fireworks this year. There was also a fishing contest, karaoke and more. For more on local Independence Day activities, see Page 14A.

Beaver responsible for partial communications blackout

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

There was a time when communicating beyond your local area was nearly impossible. It was a time without internet, without fax and without cellular support. It was a time when transferring money long distances or accessing an ATM was a potential disaster.

It was last Thursday. On July 1, Crawford County residents found themselves without long distance service, fax, certain internet services and some cellular phone support. They were joined by much of northern Michigan in the partial communications blackout.

Verizon, the company that is responsible for laying the optical cables that are used for long distance service in the Northern Michigan area, first received word of the problem at about 8:05 a.m. Thursday morning. A signal was immediately sent to Irving, Texas, where a high-tech support center, called the "Flight Control Center," began work on determining the source of the problem.

Verizon technicians discovered that the blackout was caused by a cut optical cable. These cables handle all long distance communications for the

area. This includes electronic transfers of money across banks or through ATMs. Even cell phones were affected, because cell phone signals are transferred from towers to these ground-based cables for long distance calls.

Normally, this sort of thing is the result of construction workers accidentally hitting the cable when they are digging in the ground. This time, however, the cut was caused by a singular act of vandalism. That is, if the activities of a highly industrious beaver can qualify as vandalism.

"It was pretty obvious that both ends had been chewed off," said John VanWyck, Michigan's Director of External Communications for Verizon, Inc. Beaver and muskrat tracks were found near the damaged cable, but only a beaver would have been able to chew through the wire.

"I wouldn't want to mess with that beaver," said VanWyck, who noted that the thick optical cables are difficult for a human with tools to slice through, let alone a small mammal.

The entire situation was the result of a set of highly unusual circumstances. Normally, cables

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by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Every Fourth of July, Crawford County residents marvel at another brilliant fireworks display. What does it take to get the fireworks into the sky? Not all counties put on a fireworks show, but Grayling residents are lucky to enjoy one every year. This is because there is a dedicated local fire department pulling the strings of a surprisingly complicated event.

"A lot of people think you just bring in the fireworks and shoot them off. There's a lot more to it than that," said Fire Marshall Travis Roberts. In fact, there is a staggering number of steps

involved in preparing this patriotic display.

First, the Youth Boosters Club must fill out an application from the city of Grayling. They must have a minimum \$5 million insurance policy for the event. The fire department then performs background checks on everyone who will be handling the potentially lethal fireworks, as well as verifications of their training.

Next, the fire department must obtain a list of fireworks to be shot off, down to every last rocket. Once they approve the list, they determine how large of a fall area to block off.

"The bigger the shell, the bigger the fall area has to be," said Roberts. After that, more verification: storage facilities for fireworks and the possibility of rain

both have to be checked. The City Council must then sign off on all the paperwork. If the city council approves, the fire department moves on to the next stage.

Pending the council's approval, the fire marshall then meets with everyone involved with launching the explosives and develops a fire policy. This includes plans for possible injuries and evacuations.

On the day of the shoot, the fire department inspects everything from the fireworks, to the drivers who bring in the fireworks, to the racks from which the explosives are launched. All these inspections are mandated by federal and state regulations.

"They always come up with something new," said Roberts regarding the policy-makers who



Crew members from the Polish Pyros, who are subcontracted by Wolverine Fireworks, prepare shells to be launched in the grand finale. They were hired by the Grayling Youth Boosters Club to handle the show. These people met with the Grayling Fire Department to discuss safety procedures.

are responsible for these regulations. Regulations regarding the handling of small explosives have tightened post-September 11.

There is still work to be done after the show is over. The day after the display, the fire department searches for unexploded

shells on the ground. They are prepared to call in the bomb squad if necessary.

All of this work was done this year to ensure a fun, safe holiday for Crawford County residents. When asked whether it is worth the effort, Roberts said, "To have a safe show? You betcha."



Greg Dabrowski, Crew Leader of the Polish Pyros, shows off a 10 inch shell for a "Red to Green to Blue Kamaro" firework. These are the largest fireworks used in Grayling this year.

Beaver responsible for communications blackout

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are buried at least four feet below ground. A rare exception is when cables need to be placed in a wetlands area. In this case, cables are simply strung over the area and allowed to sink into the swamp. This is done both because it would be very difficult to bury a cable in this kind of setting and because Verizon did not wish to disturb the delicate wetlands habitat.

Recently, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) drained the swamp in the headwaters of Houghton Lake about 3-4 feet, exposing the cable. Apparently, a beaver decided that this newly exposed material

would be excellent for building a dam.

"I've been in this business for 33 years and this is the first time this has ever happened," said VanWyck. Technicians used a device called a "light meter" to test for breaks in the optic cable and locate the region where it was severed. The last circuits were completely restored by 2:45 p.m.

The blackout was little more than an inconvenience for most Crawford County residents, although certain businesses were affected. Many were unable to accept credit cards, and certain banking transactions were impossible. Businesses that depend on long distance communications were also hurt.

"We were fine, even though most other branches stayed closed," said Lissa Jakubos of Citizens Bank of Grayling. The problem caused certain northern Michigan banks to remain closed

or open late.

Mercy Hospital declares internal disaster

One of the most crucial services in Crawford County that was affected by the partial communications blackout was Mercy Hospital, which requires long distance phone capability to remain in contact with patients and on-call physicians.

Mercy Hospital declared internal disaster and established the Incident Command System.

Roscommon County and Crawford County Emergency Management offices were contacted and requested to send amateur radio resources, RACES, to both clinics and to the hospital to establish communication," said Coordinator of

Marketing/Communications & Development Diane Nielsen in a press release to the news media on Thursday.

Mercy Hospital was able to respond swiftly to the situation through the use of a disaster plan that was already in place. Due to their quick response, any threat the blackout posed to patients was reduced as much as possible.

"A link was set up with the Munson Medical Center cellular phone in Munson admitting, who transferred calls to North Flight and on-call physicians as needed," said the press release.

to rest easy just yet. Apparently, the perpetrator is still at large.

According to VanWyck, "It didn't hurt the beaver. The cable itself is non-toxic."

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audit at the request of the Arenac County Board of Commissioners who claim they are owed money. Arenac County dropped out of the program which led to a dispute over funding.

The auditor found that STING may owe Arenac County about one-sixth of what the county claims they are owed and exonerated STING of all the other accusations.

STING they are insisting on a

two-year free pass on contributions to get back the money they claim they are owed.

Arenac County has sent letters to all governmental units involved in STING telling them that they (the governmental units) will be liable if the dispute goes to court.

Although Arenac County says they want to participate in

STING they are insisting on a two-year free pass on contributions to get back the money they claim they are owed.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners has invited representatives from Arenac County to come to Grayling to explain their side of the dispute. A representative of the board also plans to attend the next STING board meeting.

Trunk sale offers a wide variety of treasures

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Imagine a parking lot full of cars, each containing a trunkload of items for sale. What a great chance to find a wide variety of treasures and what a great way to get rid of a few items that have

been sitting around the house.

On the Saturday of Labor Day weekend in Grayling it will actually happen.

For a \$10 fee anyone interested in recycling reusable items can put them into the back of their car, drive to the mini-mall parking lot on Business Loop I-75, open the trunk and sell the items with minimal fuss.

The Grayling Promotional

Association (GPA), who are organizing the sale, hope it will help promote area tourism as well as find new homes for many usable items that might otherwise end up discarded.

The sale is planned for September 4, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information or to reserve a spot in the sale call Pat Schmid at 348-2639 or Linda Stephens at 348-2089.

Traverse City, but was struck by a south-bound vehicle.

She was transported to Mercy Hospital in Grayling. The extent of her injuries is not known.

Although she is no longer at the hospital in Grayling,

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Michal honored for service to the nation

The most pleasurable business conducted by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on July 1 was presenting Specialist Four Justin J. Michal with the resolution honoring his service to the nation.

The resolution by the County Board reads as follows:

WHEREAS: Justin J. Michal, a longtime resident of Crawford County, State of Michigan graduated from Grayling High School in 2001. In order to further his educational desires Justin Michal moved to the State of Florida to attend college at the University of South Florida.

WHEREAS: After the Terrorist Attack on September 11, 2001, Justin Michal felt it was his patriotic duty to defer his college education and follow the career path of his father Lieutenant Colonel Neal Michal, (RET, INF, USA) and enlisted in the United States Army in the year 2002.

WHEREAS: After completing Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training, PFC Justin Michal was assigned to the 2nd Bn, 2nd Bde, 14th Infantry Reg, 10th Mountain Division, located at Ft. Drum, New York. On March 29, 2003, the 10th Mountain Division deployed to Iraq in order to conduct combat operations in support of "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

WHEREAS: On June 10, 2003, PFC Michal and members



Photo by Susan Warrington

PFC Justin Michal, accepts the resolution from the Crawford County Board of Commissioners honoring his unit for their service to the nation during the ongoing conflict in Iraq. Pictured with Justin are Scott Hanson, Dave Stephenson, Lynnette Corlew, Tike Golnick and Rick Anderson.

of his squad were conducting combat operations when elements of the Iraqi Army activated a command detonated land mine destroying the vehicle the squad was patrolling in. As a result, PFC Michal received multiple wounds and was awarded the Purple Heart.

THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN: That the Crawford County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims that PFC Michal, has distinguished himself and our community by his actions as a United States Soldier. We are extremely proud of his service to our Country and we admire his courage.

ALSO LET IT BE KNOWN: That PFC Michal will soon attend Special Forces Training School and will ultimately be reassigned to duty in the Middle East. We have no doubt that PFC Michal will continue to distinguish himself in carrying out any future missions and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his fellow soldiers.

The County Board also presented Michal with the resolution honoring the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 14th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division.

Michal said it makes a tremendous difference when "we have people who support us both over there and at home." He added that whether or not people supported the cause it was extremely important to support the troops.

Michal was given a standing ovation by everyone in the room.

Free fire safety inspections available



Fire Marshall Travis Roberts is responsible for the inspections. Inspections are important to reduce the risk of injury in the case of a fire. It is an easy way to ensure that your building is as safe as possible.

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Fire Department is offering free fire inspections for both businesses and private residences. These inspections ensure safety and may result in businesses getting a break on their insurance.

"Our major goal is to reduce the liability of business owners," said Fire Marshall Travis Roberts. The fire department will check that there is proper access to exits and that fire detectors and fire extinguishers are working properly. They also check for hazards that could impede the fire department from extinguishing the fire or hazards that are likely to cause fires.

"Our biggest thing that we find is that people do not post their address numbers," said

Roberts. It is important for both businesses and private residences to post address numbers so emergency services can quickly locate endangered people. These numbers must be clearly visible from the road.

The fire department does about ten fire safety inspections a month, with each hour of inspections generating about two hours of paperwork. Nevertheless, they would still be happy to do more.

"We're happy to come in and go through your home," said Roberts. Anyone interested in getting a free fire safety inspection can call the local fire department at 348-6319.

"We're just here to make things safer," said Roberts.

Third annual Kid's Day to be held during AuSable River Festival

Summer is here and it is almost time again for the youngsters of Crawford County and surrounding areas to join in the fun and games at the third annual Kid's Day during the AuSable River Festival.

Hold during the week of the AuSable River Festival, kids need to circle Tuesday, July 20 on the calendar as the day they for sure want to be at the City Park.

Starting with registration at 10 a.m., the event kicks off with carnival games and inflatable attractions. The first competitive events for all ages begin at 10:45 a.m.

This year there will be a new children's corner for the smaller children with bubble blowing, skill games, a moonwalk and events such as treasure hunts and a banana race.

With the popularity of pizza and pie eating, these events will be held after lunch, as well as the very competitive hula-hoop contest. Semi-finalists in this event will compete for the trophy on Saturday night during the pre-Marathon program.

The popular face painting, tat-

toos and balloon animals will also be available. A bag of prizes for every participant and medals and trophies for the winners of contests will ensure that everyone will come away with something special.

Last year over 400 children registered, and the Committee is prepared to match that record this year, with more games, more food and more volunteers to ensure a fun day for all.

In addition to new games, at 2:30 p.m. when Kid's Day officially ends, there will be an Obstacle Course Competition for children ages 8 to 12. This will be set up near the playground area at City Park, and should be an exciting event to participate in or to just cheer on your favorite competitor.

Kid's Day Schedule of Events

10 - 10:45 a.m. - Registration; Wrist Bands; Games and inflatables open.

10:45 - 11 a.m. - Potato Sack Race & Noodle Relay - Age groups 6-9 & 10-12; Across the River: Treasure Hunt & Blow the Ping Pong; Ages 5 and under - Children's Corner.

11:15 - 11:30 a.m.: Egg Toss - Ages 6-9 and 10-12; Across the River: Open Games; Ages 5 and under - Children's Corner.

11:45 a.m. - 12 noon: Egg in Spoon - Age groups 6-9 and 10-12; Across the River; Ages 5 and under - Children's Corner.

12 noon - 1 p.m.: Lunch - Hot dogs, chips and drinks.

12:30 - 1 p.m.: Games and inflatables open.

1 - 1:15 p.m.: Treasure Hunt; Ages 5 and under - Children's Corner; Pizza Eating - Age groups 6-9 & 10-12 in the Pavilion.

1:15 - 1:30 p.m.: Pie Eating - Age groups 6-9 & 10-12 in the Pavilion.

1:30 - 1:45 p.m.: Shoe Scramble; Ages 5 and under - Children's Corner

1:30 - 2 p.m.: Hula-hoop Contest - Ages 6 - 9 & 10 - 12.

2 p.m.: Bubble Gum Blowing Contest - Age groups 6-9 & 10-12.

2:15 p.m.: Park Closed

2:30 p.m.: Obstacle Course - Ages 8-12 at the Playground.

Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate in the Kid's Day events.

Meet the guides day to be held in Lovells

The 1st Annual Meet the Guides Day will be held in Lovells on July 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Included among the activities will be fly tying demonstrations, free fly casting instruction

and demonstrations at Fuller's North Branch Outing Club.

The Lovells Township Historical Society and the AuSable Manistee River Guides Association are sponsoring the activities.

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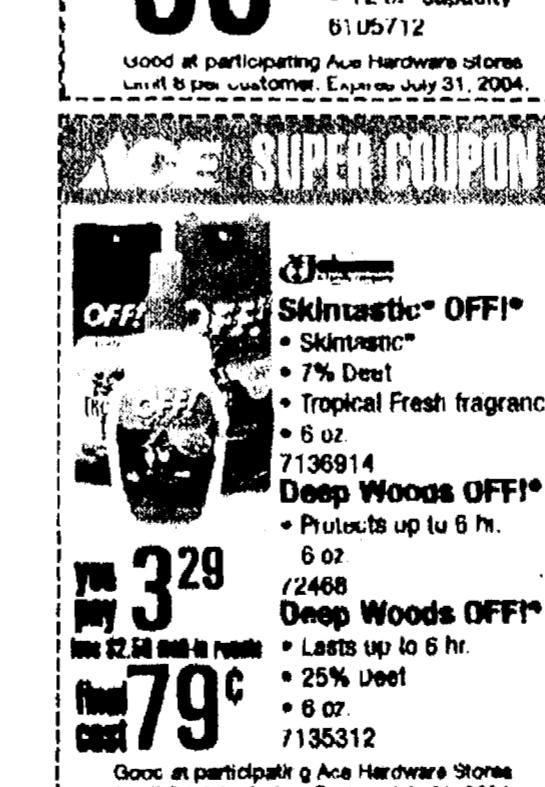
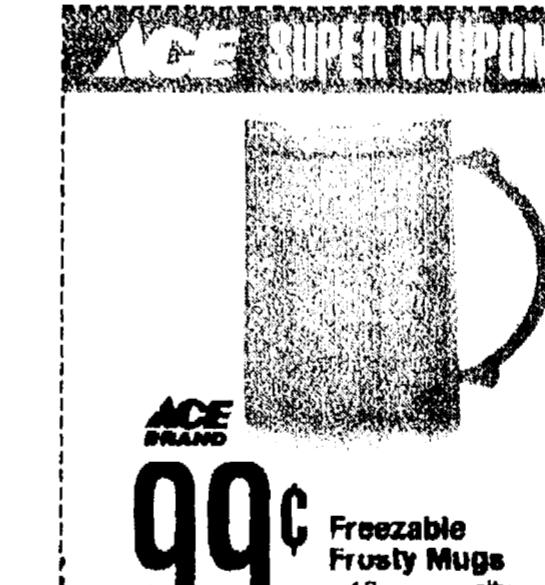
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Random comments: Lighten up, Tiger

THESE LAZY DAYS of summer call for some comments on the lighter side of current events.

QUIET ZONE -- Tiger Woods made news at the U.S. Open this year. He didn't win, or even come close.

Camera clicks were bothering America's favorite golfer while he was performing in public. So caddie Steve Williams kicked over a news photographer's lens and took a fan's camera while Tiger was preparing to drive. Tiger later said his caddie probably went too far.

Earlier Mr. Woods lost his cool during a practice round "when photographers twice clicked during his swing on the 18th hole," according to an Associated Press story.

In another tourney, golfer Davis Love III halted play because a fan was speaking aloud while Mr. Love was preparing his shot. Tournament officials silenced the spectator.

Tiger Woods is one of the most highly compensated athletes in the world; Davis Love is high on golf's money list, too. Most pro tournaments pay more than \$1 million to the winner. It's easy to understand why players' nerves are near the fraying point. The stakes are high.

But why must golfers be completely insulated from noise and distraction? All a golfer must do is hit a little round ball that's standing still, yet strict silence is demanded, with no outside distraction, and definitely no camera clicks.

Silence is mandatory in brain surgery, but should not be in golf.

Golfers should lighten up. What's wrong with a little noise, as long as general decorum still reigns? If it weren't for the fans -- who make most of this dreaded noise -- there would be no million dollar purses.

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WALTON SENSE -- Fabled basketball player Larry Bird made waves recently with the comment that more white play-

ers would be good for pro basketball's fan base.

"As we know, the majority of the fans are white America," said Mr. Bird, who is now president of a pro team. "And if we had just a couple of white guys in there, you might get them a little excited."

According to news reports, Magic Johnson, another hoops legend appearing on the same TV show, agreed with Mr. Bird.

Larry Bird is white, Magic Johnson is black.

In the same news story, a racial breakdown of 408 NBA players showed 77 percent black, only 21 percent white, with 55 percent of white players born in the United States, and 45 percent described as "international players."

Luke Walton, who played at University of Arizona and now is a first year Los Angeles Laker, has the right take on the situation.

"You know, it never once crossed my

mind to stand around and count how many white guys were on the floor," he said. "Who would do something like that anyway? Who would care? I was too busy having fun playing the game to worry about anything like that."

Luke Walton makes a lot of sense, and I'd guess most players at whatever level, or of any color, feel the same way.

Do fans boycott mostly black teams? That's not apparent from home attendance this year for NBA champion Detroit Pistons.

What fans want is for their team to win, regardless of what color players might be. Fans show up to cheer winners.

What color is Luke Walton? Who cares. He's a darn good player.

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WOMEN'S RIGHTS -- Women in New Jersey won a round for gender equity, but lost a pretty good privilege at the same time when New Jersey's top state civil rights official banned Ladies

Night discounts at bars.

A male customer complained that he suffered discrimination because he must pay full price for drinks, and pay a \$5 cover charge on Ladies Night, while women were admitted free and received discounts on their drinks.

The New Jersey agency ruled commercial interests do not advance the "important social policy objective of eradicating discrimination."

But aren't women really the losers in this confrontation? Now men and women alike must pay full price for drinks, plus a cover charge. How did the complaining male come out ahead, except for male ego?

Let's hope the lunacy doesn't spread to the rest of the country. What's next? Senior discounts maybe?

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Don't stifle freedom of speech

To the editor:

This is regarding the response to my letter of 6/24/04 by Nancy.

How in the world do you interpret my letter as an attack on freedom of speech? You give conservative Republicans way too much credit in that regard. While we are indeed gaining strength and support every day, we certainly do not want to stifle freedom of speech. The fact that both of our letters were published should bear this out.

In fact, if there is a freedom of speech issue, look at the major news networks such as ABC, CBS, and NBC. All are controlled by liberal supporters as born out by the slanted biased reporting by the likes of Peter Jennings, Dan Rather and Tom Brokaw.

Your left wing liberal ideas are spewed on a daily basis, while most conservative views never see the light of day on these programs. God forbid that it be reported that this is a Christian nation by a vast majority, and support such ideas as "right to life" by the unborn, and the word God in the Pledge of Allegiance. You won't hear it on these bastions of liberalism, but this is the country most people in the world would want to come to.

Nancy, are you opposed to all conflicts this country is involved

in, or just when there is a Republican administration in office? Did you protest the Vietnam war when Presidents Kennedy and Johnson escalated that conflict in the 1960s? How about when President Clinton sent troops to Bosnia? Are you old enough to remember Vietnam, or are you just a victim of the revisionist history taught in the schools and universities which blame Republicans for all the ills in the world?

I have a suggestion for you Nancy. How about once a week trying to watch an hour of Fox News. They are admittedly more right wing, but do try to give a balanced and fair evaluation of the events of the world. Another suggestion, would be to catch an hour of either Rush Limbaugh or Sean Hannity on AM 580. Sean's program is probably the easiest for you to listen to because he regularly has debates between two prominent people on major issues with opposing views.

As Rush says, "It takes courage to hear the truth."

My honest hope for you is that maybe, just maybe, this will make you at least consider other points of view.

God bless our country, our President, and our military.

James Allman

Frederic

Ben Franklin store has its own memories

To the editor:

The wooden pencil I have been using to write our camp log is a free one from Wolohan Lumber, which provided many materials for the refurbishing of our small cabin a few short years ago, but which has since moved, replaced by another company.

The pencil is slightly larger in diameter than others, and it will not fit into our inexpensive little handheld pencil sharpener - doubtless purchased from Ben Franklin on Michigan Ave., in Grayling.

Now Ben Franklin is going out of business this summer. Mr. Emil Kraus, founder and owner for 60 years, is retiring.

This true five and dime store, with its uneven, creaking floor, is a reminder of the past. Stores like these have always fascinated me. As a child, I slowly walked their narrow aisles, peering at their crowded shelves of knick-knacks, small packaged toys, kitchen utensils, crafts, candy bars and gum. At their affordable prices, all tempted me.

Grayling's Ben Franklin has its own memories for me. My

father, now gone, bought our son his first BB-gun here. Jigsaw puzzles, bought years ago, still sit on our cabin bookshelves, brought out and worked by two generations of children. Contact paper from the store lines our kitchen cabinets, placed there twenty years ago by my mother, also gone.

Anyone entering the store for the first time might not have noticed the gentleman, formally dressed in suit and tie, sitting in a chair by the greeting cards. Nor would it be evident that he was Mr. Kraus, the owner; in this impersonal world we live in, we seldom see the owner of a store still present. Mr. Kraus might seem to be dozing, but if approached, would chat and answer questions about the history of Grayling.

So the Ben Franklin store on Michigan Ave. will soon close its doors for the last time. Where now to buy a spool of thread, material to sew, cribbage board pegs, or a handheld pencil sharpener?

Dan Havens
St. Louis, Missouri

Be your own health advocate

To the editor:

This is an open letter to you and your readers.

I am a 46 year old woman, mother, wife, aunt, sister, and step-daughter. I have been disabled by a series of events that has left me with a stroke, a terrible memory, difficulty seeing, seizures and many more.

My point is, with all these maladies, come a lot of doctors. Doctors who are just as human as I. We all put our knickers on the same way. Then why does the doctor profession (in general) make their patients feel inadequate and themselves more god-like? Because we allow them to.

I have learned to be my own health advocate, I carry my own medical records with me to a doctor's appointment, including copies of any scans that I may have had. Many doctors don't like that, I have found. I am treated differently, stand-offish, because I have brought with me knowledge that they are unsure if I should have.

Everyone deserves to have their medical records. Healthcare should be a TEAM effort. I have done battle with more than one doctor to get them to be a part of my team. Who knows their body better than I?

Of all doctors that I have to see, there is one who really is a team player. He listens to my thoughts or findings of my own research. We "pow-wow" over what the next step should be. One, out of a lot of doctors.

Doctors need to realize that we, as patients, are employing their services, not doing them a favor by becoming their patient. They are working for us. I have been in the medical field for 20 some years and I have seen health care leaning toward a more "team" approach, but it has a long way to go.

Doctors, listen to your patients! They are able to research their conditions, they should be able to share that information freely, without being looked down upon. They know their bodies, their feelings, their concerns and being afraid to voice them is an injustice.

Why am I writing this letter? I feel there needs to be people out there fighting for others who aren't able to defend their health-care! I am putting forth the effort to write my first letter because it is the right thing to do. I hope others would agree with me and take a stand also.

Jaime Long Kurczewski

Lewiston

Property owner displeased by lack of involvement in Lake Margrethe clean up

To the editor:

I am writing to voice my disappointment to the lack of attendance at the annual clean-up of Lake Margrethe this past Saturday. It was sponsored by the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association, (LMPOA).

There were four boats and maybe a dozen people present. It is a shame that we have this great asset to the area and people seem to take it for granted.

What really upsets me is the fact that members of the LMPOA that have their own pet projects, i.e. loon nesting devices,

refuse to support the other ongoing projects of the LMPOA. Projects that help the community as a whole, such as the lake clean-up and the spraying for gypsy moths.

Maybe the clean-up needs more advance attention. If the Avalanche could touch base with the LMPOA and place the news into the Community News Briefs section, that may help keep this great lake we have beautiful for many years to come.

Timothy Gignac
Royal Oak/Grayling

Community spirit visible during recent auction

To the editor:

Many donors and volunteers contributed to the recent successful Arts & Treasures Auction.

The Auctioneers gave their time and effort freely, the monies and wonderful gifts were all donations, the bidders purchasing these items, and the volunteers giving their time all added up to a commu-

nity-spirited evening.

This event has shown and proved that the Crawford County community is responsive and generous to the libraries' needs.

Loretta Hassan
Trustee, Devereaux
Memorial Crawford County
Library and Member, Friends
of the Library

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BRIEFS

Family fun is coming to Roscommon

Family fun is coming to village of Roscommon on Friday, July 9 at 3 p.m. at the Gerrish-Higgins Public Library (located at the Roscommon High School). Bring the whole clan to see the Joel Tacey Action & Comedy Variety Show. This show is jam-packed with way-cool trick juggling, hilarious magic, "dangerous" stunts and lots of audience participation. Some things you may see during this show are 3, 4, and 5 ball juggling, flying clubs, Joel catching rings on his head from an audience member, and a wide range of other stunts. Because much of the action involves assistants chosen from the audience, no two shows are ever the same, so that makes for a lot of surprises. For more information, contact the library at 275-6686.

Historic artillery match to be held

The 14th Annual Long Range Historic Artillery Match will be held Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, July 11 from 9 a.m. until noon at Camp Grayling. To get to Range 8 where the match will be taking place, follow the signs from M72 and Arrowhead Road, 4.7 miles west of M93 and M72. Do not enter through the Main Post. The public is welcome and admission free. Binoculars and ear protection is recommended.

Garden club to host Grayling Garden Walk

The Grayling Garden Walk, presented by Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club, will be held Saturday, July 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. The walk will feature the gardens of Ernie Dawson, Pat Teal and Phyllis Erb, Bev Shinosky, Art and Mary Jane Thayer, and Dianna Tolbert. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at J. Dap Company, Grayling Restaurant, and Flowers by Josie. For more information call M. Robinson at 348-7357 or S. Allman at 348-4405.

Antique Appraisal Fair to be held

Friends of Steiner's Museum will be hosting an Antique Appraisal Fair at Steiner Museum in Fairview on Saturday, July 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A donation of \$3 per item, or 2 items for \$5 is asked with a limit of 4 items per person. The museum is owned by Oscoda County and its six townships. It is funded by donations from the public. Proceeds from this event go to support Steiner Museum. The museum is located at 1980 Reber Road in Fairview.

Animal Shelter begins can drive

Two barrels have been placed near the gates of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County to receive donations of return-deposit beverage cans and bottles to help raise funds to care for the many homeless dogs and cats cared for at the shelter, located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M72 East) in Grayling, between the Road Commission and the Grayling Eagles Hall. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc., is a non-profit, 501c3 organization.

Burning Bush Tabernacle hosts fun day

The Burning Bush Tabernacle will be hosting an afternoon of food and fun on July 11, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the vacant lot adjacent to the Grayling Middle School. Volleyball, croquet, and other activities will be available. The order of the day will be hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad and other goodies furnished by the church. For more information, contact Pastor Petrie at 348-1278 or 348-8314.

Grayling Uptown District to host northern Michigan Red Hat Ladies

Grayling Uptown District Association will be host to the Red Hat Ladies for an Ice Cream Social on Saturday afternoon, July 31, from 1 to 4 p.m. All northern Michigan Red Hat Ladies are invited to participate and enjoy a fun afternoon in uptown Grayling visiting the shops, eating ice cream, enjoying the entertainment and watching the parade of Red Hats strolling through uptown Grayling. Photo opportunities will be available as well as the "Vintage Times" barbershop quartet that will sing just for you. Cost is \$5 per person.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Thursday, July 8 - Meatballs/Hamburger Noodle Casserole; 9 a.m. - Out to Lunch at Saginaw Mall; 10 a.m. - Aerobics; 10 a.m. - Crafts Class; 11 a.m. to 12 noon - Blood Pressure Checks.

Friday, July 9 - Baked Almond Fish/no dinner; 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. King and Queen elections held; 12:30 p.m. - Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite meal; 1 p.m. - Pantry Bingo; 1 p.m. - Stagette Club.

Camp Grayling Officer Club raffle tickets are now available

The Camp Grayling Historical Society announces that the 2004 Officers Club Raffle Tickets are now available. The purpose of the raffle is to support the preservation and maintenance of this unique facility.

Rasmus Hanson had the Officers Club built to serve as a focal point for activities on Camp Grayling. As with the Hanson Grant land, upon completion, he gave the facility to the State of Michigan for military functions.

Grand prize is \$10,000 with 1st runner up receiving \$500 and 2nd runner up receiving \$300.

Park hosts first free fair

On Saturday, July 10, Wellington Farm Park, located near Grayling, will host its first annual Free Fair. The park is a 60-acre living history farm. No admission will be charged for the day.

In addition, civic groups and non-profit organizations from the area will be on hand, providing information, selling items or offering food to all visitors. Visitors will be conveyed into the park by means of a tractor and wagon and once there, may visit with a blacksmith, a sawyer, a cabinet maker, a miller or a farm wife preparing food on a wood cook stove. There is also a barnyard filled with animals to visit and natural trails to walk.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period July 7 - 14, 2004.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). July 7-11, 13-14.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). July 8-14.

Small Arms Ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek. July 8-14.

Range 12, located south of the main post, bounded on the east by Carrier Road, and west of Beaver Creek (Military Road). July 8-11.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and north of Portage Creek. July 12-14.

Range 13, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road and east of the gas pipeline. July 8-11.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Road and on the east by Carrier Road. July 8-12.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Road, west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road, and east of the gas pipeline. July 12-14.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. July 10-14.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on: July 10-14:

- Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail.

- Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road.

- Stephan Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

- Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

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The Bible Speaks

Reagan's Greatness

Last year we wrote a series on Ronald Reagan's faith. Now that God has called him home, there has arisen some question over President Reagan's religious views. One of his sons stated that his faith was the most important thing in his life. His other son said his dad did not wear his religion on his sleeve. This kind of family difference over personal faith is not new. It was prophesied in Mic 7:6 and by our Lord in Luke 12:53. It has troubled us from Cain and Abel, to Isaac and Ishmael, to Jacob and Esau. And the conflict between Isaac and Ishmael has spanned thousands of years even intertwined into our own global war against terrorism today.

Below are some quotes to explain why Ronald Reagan is one of our favorite presidents. Reagan said on January 26, 1984: "We are a nation under God. I've always believed that this blessed land was set apart in a special way, that some divine plan placed this great continent here between the oceans to be found by people from every corner of the Earth who had a special love for freedom and the courage to uproot themselves, leave homeland and friends, to come to a strange land. And coming here they created something new in all the history of mankind -- a land where man is not beholden to government, government is beholden to man." He then said, "George Washington believed that religion, morality, and brotherhood were the pillars of society. He said you couldn't have morality without religion." As Reagan said February 4, 1982: "I've always believed that we were, each of us, put here for a reason, that there is a

plan, somehow a divine plan for all of us. I know now that whatever days are left to me belong to Him."

Reagan said March 19, 1981: "Our Nation's motto In God We Trust, was not chosen lightly. It reflects a basic recognition that there is a divine authority in the universe to which this nation owes homage." Reagan said January 31, 1983: "I'm accused of being simplistic at times with some of the problems that confront us. But I've often wondered: Within the covers of that single Book (the Bible) are all the answers to all the problems that face us today, if we'd only look there. 'The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever.' (Reagan believed and defended the King James Bible.) As Reagan said August 23, 1984: "America needs God more than God needs America. If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under." He said April 16, 1985: "I believe that the most essential element of our defense of freedom is our insistence on speaking out for the cause of religious liberty." He said May 17, 1981: "It is time for the world to know our intellectual and spiritual values are rooted in the source of all strength, belief in a Supreme Being, and a law higher than our own." (The Bible).

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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Reagan's defense of American values was strong. He said on May 10, 1982, "The First Amendment is to protect not government from religion, but religion from government tyranny." He said of the Second Amendment Sept. 1975: "The second amendment gives the individual citizen a means of protection against the despotism of the state." He said February 4, 1982: "God, the source

of our knowledge, has been expelled from the classroom. He gives us His greatest blessing -- life -- and yet many would condone the taking of innocent life." He said January 19, 1982: "I have been one who believes that abortion is the taking of a human life." When asked if evolution should be taught in classrooms, he said, "I think that also the biblical theory of creation, which is not a theory, but the biblical story of creation, should also be taught."

President Reagan said Feb. 4, 1982: "We are told in 2 Timothy that when our work is done, we can say, 'we have fought the good fight. We have finished the race. We have kept the faith.' Michael Reagan said at his Dad's burial: "And as I look back over Dad's 93 years, what puts me truly at peace is knowing that my father was fully aware of who his God is. Not only did he offer up his presidency but he offered up his life a long time ago to serve his God. And so now the peace I feel is knowing that my father has gone home to be with his God and His Lord, and that is the greatest gift that he ever gave me." We can only add Amen! Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES

Doris O. Birtcher

Mar. 14, 1929 - June 30, 2004
Doris O. Birtcher, of Grayling, passed away on Wednesday, June 30, 2004 at Mercy Hospital Grayling. She was 75 years old.

Mrs. Birtcher was born on March 14, 1929 in Spokane, Washington to William Roscoe and Vera Leola (Twilegar) Heath. The former Doris O. Heath was married to Mr. Jess L. Birtcher on June 2, 1947 in Reno, Nevada.

She had resided in Grayling as a homemaker since 1976, having previously resided in Riggins, Idaho. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and was an active member of the Democratic party.

She was also a member of The League of Women Voters and enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Grayling Country Club. She also loved playing a good game of bridge.

Mrs. Birtcher was preceded in death by her parents, William and Vera Heath, and her husband, Jess Birtcher who preceded her in death on October 14, 1989.

She is survived by two daughters, Ann (Dave) Stephenson and Pam (Fred) Fisher Jr. of Grayling; six grandchildren, Fred (Tamara) Fisher III, Julie Swander, Angela Fisher, Jesse Fisher, Heidi (Joe) Pendergraft and Heather (Richard) Meyer; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Joyce Lambert of Seattle, WA and Bobbie Cook of Riggins, ID; and one brother, Frank Heath of Riggins, ID.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 3, 2004 at Sorenson Funeral Home with President David J. Stephenson officiating. Burial will take place in Riggins Cemetery in Riggins, ID.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Rose D. Polmanteer

July 3, 2004

Rose D. (Daley) Polmanteer, of Grayling, formerly of Mio, age 91, died July 3, 2004 at Mercy Manor Grayling. Services will be held at 11 a.m. July 8 at Lashley Funeral Home in Mio.

Arrangements by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.

Richard Ray Miller

Mar. 13, 1930 - July 1 2004
Richard Ray Miller, of Grayling, passed away on Thursday, July 1, 2004 at his home in Grayling. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Miller was born on March 13, 1930 in Bay City to Hugh Harry and Dora (Leffler) Miller. He married the former Joan Thompson on February 25, 1950 in Grayling.

He had resided in Grayling since 1989, having previously resided in Flint, Gaylord and Bad Axe. He was a retired Michigan State Police Trooper.

Richard was a member of the Grayling Country Club, the American Legion Post #106 and a Charter Member of "The Round Table." He served his country in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed golf, working in his yard, woodworking and dabbling on his computer.

Mr. Miller was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: Carl, Harry and Ernie.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Thompson Miller and four daughters: Jody (Mark) Strong, Jamie (Leonard) Krug both of Freeland, Jean (Gary) Fisher of Columbia, TN and Jo Ellen (Tom) Kladzyk of Manchester; Seven grandchildren: Tricia, Leslie, Lea, Brent, Breanna, Tristan and Ellee; two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Jordyn; three sisters, Betty Lauzon, Millie Burger and Margie Simunic; two brothers-in-law Ross Thompson and Sandy (Jeanne) Thompson.

Private family services were held and a memorial service was held at the American Legion Post #106, Grayling on July 3, 2004.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Legion Post #106 or Mercy Amicare Hospice of Grayling.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Raymond Raths

Nov. 22, 1925 - June 30, 2004
Raymond Raths, of Gaylord, passed away at Otsego Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, June 30, 2004. He was 78 years old.

Mr. Raths was born in Detroit on November 22, 1925, and had been living the past 12 years at Alpine Haus Apartments in Gaylord.

He was a World War II Navy veteran, and had worked for J.L. Hudson and later for Star Cutter in Gaylord. He loved the outdoors, hunting, skiing and teaching fly-fishing, and also had a special interest in boats, building several boats himself.

Mr. Raths also had an appreciation for photography and was a great cartoonist. He was quite a jester and "the nicest guy you'd ever meet."

He is survived by his wife, Mavis; daughter Carol (Terry) Wakeley of Grayling; son Christopher of Lansing; grandchildren Michael, Hilary and Samuel Modica; two sisters, Shirley Dodd and Dolores Hahn, both of Westland.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 2, 2004 at the Nelson Funeral Home with Reverend John McCracken officiating. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the C.O.P.D. Foundation or to the Alzheimer's Association, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

Avery G. Cameron

June 30, 2004

Avery Garfield Cameron, age 89, died June 30, 2004. He was the former owner of Grayling Reel.

He is survived by his wife, Lura M. Cameron, son David G. Cameron, and grandsons David Garfield Cameron and Andrew Grant Cameron.

Memorial services will be held July 12 at 11 a.m. at the Wm. R. Hamilton Company, 820 East Maple Road, Birmingham.

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To hear your voice, to see your smile,

To sit and talk with you awhile.

To be with you the same old way,

Would be our fondest day.

A heart of gold stopped beating,

Two smiling eyes closed to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us,

He only takes the best.

Love,

Your Kids

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In loving memory of Daniel K. Wakeley You are not forgotten loved one, Nor will you ever be,

As long as life and memory last,

We will remember thee

We miss you now,

Our hearts are sore,

As time goes by,

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On The Ballot: August 3 Primary Election

Crawford County

Of the 11 Crawford County governmental positions up for election this year (seven commissioner seats, sheriff, prosecutor, clerk, and treasurer), only two – commissioner seats in District 1 and District 4 – will be affected by the August 3 primary.

The incumbent prosecuting attorney, sheriff, clerk, and treasurer – all Republicans – are running for reelection unopposed within their political party. (Also, no Democrats filed for any of these four positions.)

Three Republicans – Deborah A. Hadley, Jerry W. Hayes, and Kathy Rogers – are running for District 1 Commissioner. Republicans Scott Hanson, Shelley Pinkelman, and David Stephenson are running unopposed in District 2, 3, and 5, respectively.

District 4 has two Republican candidates: Mike Lange and Pete Kocefas. In District 6, Democrat Rick Anderson is running unopposed. District 7, which features Republican Terry Beardslee vs. Democrat Roy Spangler, will have its commissioner seat decided in the November general election.

The Crawford County Avalanche mailed questionnaires to each candidate in a contested August primary election race, and their responses were the basis for the following brief profiles:

county," Hayes said. "I know that I can work well with the commission and continue to economize our resources."

"It's important to be at all meetings, know all the information on the agenda before the meeting, and be prepared to execute decisions to benefit the county," Hayes said. "With my experience in leadership I feel that I am well qualified to hold office of Crawford County Commissioner."

Hayes is married and has two children, three stepchildren, and six grandchildren. Hayes enjoys outdoor sports, reading, and travelling.

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Kathy Rogers

Kathy Rogers

Republican

Running For: Crawford County Commissioner (District 1)

Kathy Rogers is a mortgage broker and co-owner of North Michigan Financial Services.

"I enjoy working with people," she said. "I was looking to become more involved in the community when this opportunity became available. I'm a very fair and level-headed person. I think I would be able to offer logical advice and help the community make good, sound financial decisions."

The top priority for the Crawford County Board should be "setting a budget that all departments can live with and work with. With our economy the way it is, budgets are everyone's concern. I believe my experience in financing and running my own business would be an asset to the community. Budgets sometimes have to be cut where it has the least impact on the department or community. I also want to make sure the departments work within their budgets, so that additional cuts don't have to be made," Rogers said.

Rogers and her husband Rick have three children. Rogers enjoys snowmobiling, golf, reading, and spending time with her family.

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Pete Kocefas

Pete Kocefas

Republican

Running For: Crawford County Commissioner (District 4)

Pete Kocefas works in sales with Sledheads of Frederic and First Impressions Sportswear.

"This is the first time I have ever run for any type of office.

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Jerry W. Hayes

Republican

Running For: Crawford County Commissioner (District 1)

Jerry W. Hayes (no photo provided), a retired teacher, has previously served on the Grayling City Council (mayor pro-tem), Kirtland Community College Board (chairman), Crawford County GOP (vice-chair), and Camp Grayling Conservation Club (president).

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Crawford County Proposals

Crawford County will have two proposals on the August 3 primary election ballot: a proposed telephone surcharge to help fund 911 service, and a new millage (0.45 mill) for operation of the county's library system.

Ballot language for each proposal:

Crawford County Library Operating Millage Proposal

"Shall the limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year under the Michigan Constitution be increased in the County of Crawford, Michigan by .45 mills (which is equal to \$.45 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all such property) for a period of eight years, 2004 through 2011, inclusive, for the purpose of operating County library facilities located in the city of Grayling and the townships of Beaver Creek, Frederic and

Lovells? The amount of revenue the County will collect if that millage is approved and levied by the County in the first calendar year is estimated to be \$219,768. The proposed millage is the authorization of a new additional millage."

Crawford County E911 Emergency Service Proposal

"For the purpose of equipping, operating, and maintaining E911 emergency service and central dispatch costs, shall there be a monthly assessment by the County of Crawford of no more than an additional sixteen (16%) percent of the highest monthly flat rate charged by a telephone service supplier for the single party access line (not to exceed \$3.20) upon telephone service users within the Crawford County 911 service district for a period not to exceed four (4) years, starting October 1, 2004 and ending September 30, 2008?"

When people run for office they promise you the world. I am not going to do that. All I want to say is that I will take each issue as it is presented and do the best that I can possible for everyone," Kocefas said.

"District 4 mainly covers the Lake Margrethe area and I have been a property owner here since 1980. There has been a lot of concern over the road ends at the lake. I believe that road ends should be exactly what they imply. Those accesses were there long before any of us were here and will be there long after we are all gone. What ever happened to the good old days of Sunday drives and walks to the beach, when a grandparent or parent could walk with his family and friends and maybe have a picnic by the lakeshore, go swimming, watch the sunset, or just say 'hi' to their neighbors without that look of 'you are trespassing on my property' or stirring the water

in my riparian rights? Don't get me wrong because 99.98 percent of the lakefront owners on our beautiful jewel of a lake are wonderful people, but there always has to be a few 'holier than thou' people out there who most people think are out of line with a common sense approach to being good neighbors and property owners. Even though this subject isn't something that is handled by the commissioners, I just wanted to voice my opinion on it," Kocefas said.

The "budget" and "economic development" are the main problems facing Crawford County, he said.

Kocefas enjoys boating, snowmobiling, and Bear Archery collecting in his spare time.

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Mike Lange

Republican

Running For: Crawford County Commissioner (District 4)

Mike Lange – No response.

Stretch yourself by pursuing opportunity

By Ernie Harwell

"For all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest of these: 'It might have been!'"

- John Greenleaf Whittier

Whittier was describing a lost chance for love, but these words apply to any missed opportunity, really.

An important way to keep our minds sharp – and make life interesting – is to take on challenges and hunt for opportunities not in plain view.

When I was 16, I was a faithful reader of The Sporting News, but I was disappointed they didn't provide much coverage from my part of the country. So I decided to offer my services as a correspondent for them in the Atlanta area. They accepted my offer and it was a great start to my career. And I've always been grateful that I didn't let my young age keep me from pursuing it.

When we challenge ourselves (physically, mentally or both!) we stretch ourselves as individuals and discover more about ourselves – no matter what age we are.

Take some time to think about your interests and what opportunities you could pursue. It's great mental exercise and, when you go after that opportunity, it's certainly a lot more rewarding than someday saying, "It might have been."

And remember to take care of your health before it's longggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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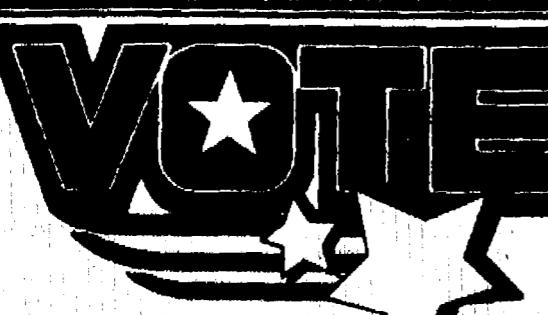
TO THE VOTERS OF GRAYLING TOWNSHIP

Another election year is here and it's time to take a very close look at the candidates seeking the office of township supervisor, to see who will earn your vote to lead Grayling Township through the next four years.

I would like you to consider both my past accomplishments and my vision of what I think can be done for you in the future.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING UNDER MY LEADERSHIP:

1. There have been no tax increases, nor will there be. Grayling Township is financially sound.
2. I have written grants which have brought \$389,500 into Grayling Township for specific projects.
3. Grayling Township has paved or repaired more than 10 miles of public roads.
4. I proposed, planned and implemented a comprehensive recycling and composting program which is the most efficient small recycling center in northern Michigan.
5. I proposed, planned and implemented a township bank, funded by a state grant, which is one of the niceest in Northern Michigan.
6. I was a member of the team which wrote and signed an agreement with the MDNR, the first of its kind in Michigan, freeing up 1860-acres of state land for industrial or commercial development which will mean valuable jobs for our residents.
7. I called for state audits for both the Grayling Township Building Department and the Grayling Township Assessor's office. Both passed with flying colors.
8. I implemented the Grayling Township Ordinance Enforcement Bureau which has allowed officers to fine those who won't clean up their unsightly properties. As a result, hundreds of properties have been cleaned up.
9. I worked closely with consultants to rewrite the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance so it better fits our town's values.



**In the Primary Election
on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2004**

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 94 complaints the week of June 28 - July 4:

Seven traffic accidents, two accidents - non-traffic, one traffic violation (civil infraction), one parking violation, one traffic safety public appearance, two accident-fire, one accident-all other, one boat, two motor vehicle inspections (school bus), five other inspections, three civil matter disputes-family, seven suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 13 general non-criminal, three false alarm activations, one CSC-sexual assault, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, two bur-

glary/home invasion, one burglary-entry without force, one larceny;

One larceny from a vehicle, one larceny-equipment from a building, one motor vehicle theft, two damage to property, one damage to property (other), two escape/flight from legal detention, 15 public peace/disorderly, two health and safety, one conservation, seven miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, three driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Card of Thanks

The Animal Shelter's annual garage sale was a huge success, thanks to the hard work and assistance of the following citizens and businesses: Volunteers Ginger Lyons, Dale Clyma, Judy Clyma, Carol Wolf-Britton, Deanne Whiteside and Karyn Ruley; the Avalanche, Gannon Broadcasting, Goodale's Bakery, Fick & Sons, and the Gray Rock Cafe'. Also, a world of thanks goes to those who donated items

for the sale and to those who stopped in and made a purchase. Sales totaled over \$2,500! Because of the undying support of this community, the shelter can continue caring for the many homeless dogs and cats in our county. Again, thank you all so very much!

Board of Directors
Animal Shelter of
Crawford County, Inc.

Card of Thanks

The Friends of the Crawford County Libraries wish to thank all the folks who helped with the recent Arts and Treasures Auction, either by donating items, helping with advertising and arrangements, or by purchasing a ticket and attending

our event. The Friends know without your support, the auction would not have been the success it was and we would not be able to support the many wonderful programs the libraries offer.

Carol L. Britton
Secretary

Card of Thanks

Thanks to each and everyone for coming to the celebration of Rose M. Cox Morehead's life.

She is very happy I'm sure with the turnout. We had at least 150 people that came, many cards both from attendees and cards and food from those who couldn't make it but whose

hearts were with us. Thanks for the donations for the Crawford County Animal Shelter.

Thank you all for helping our family celebrate her life. Now she is in a beautiful place.

From the family of
Rose M. Cox Morehead

FREDERIC HIGH

SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWS

Submitted by
Bessie M. Feldhauser

also presented with an instant camera.

After the meal the cake was cut by Jim. A short business meeting was also conducted by President Nye in which all the current officers were voted in for another two years.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Door Prize - Gloria Post; Traveling the Farthest - John Armstrong; Oldest Member - Reva Fox; and Youngest Member - Margaret Gugin.

Also, several other prizes were given out by drawing from the dinner stubs.

MILITARY NEWS



Lt. David J. Williams

Lieutenant David J. Williams, son of Dick and Carol Williams of Maple Forest, is deployed to Iraq at the present time.

Lt. Williams is a Physicians Assistant assigned to the 824th Security Forces Squadron, Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, GA.

His wife Debbie, son Trevor and daughter Carrie are in Grayling visiting family and friends for a couple of weeks.

If anyone would like to correspond with David, his address is 447 AEG/ESFS, APO, AE 09321.

BIRTHS

Stephanie Peterson and Aaron Wilcox, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Skyler Elizabeth, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on June 3, 2004 at 6:29 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 8 oz. and measuring 19 inches long.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

Week ending July 4 - winners of \$25 each: Steve Green, Val Priebe and Tike Golinick.

Grayling Lions Club

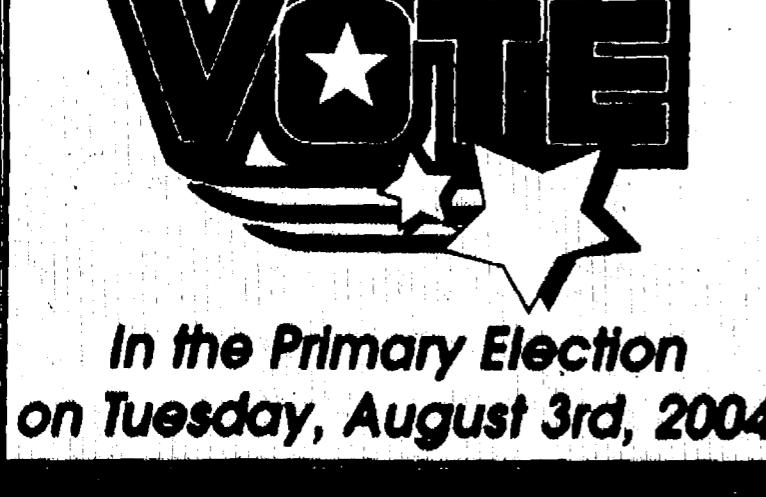
The Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for Week 7 is Glenda Dunckley, Grayling.

10. I led an effort to increase the size of the Grayling Township meeting room and the Grayling City/Township Fire Department to meet growing needs for the next 20 years.
11. Grayling Township has worked closely with community groups to bring you bicycle paths and streetscape projects.
12. The professionalism, knowledge, courtesy and respect you receive from all the Grayling Township employees is as good as it gets.

MY VISION FOR GRAYLING TOWNSHIP AND YOU:

1. I am currently the chairman of the Community Economic Development Partnership which is working to bring jobs with benefits to the community.
2. Grayling Township will continue to pave or improve public roads each and every year.
3. I will continue to seek markets for more and different recyclables in an ongoing effort to work for our environment.
4. Grayling Township will continue to work to clean up blighted properties.
5. I will soon propose a year-round, community indoor swimming facility near the Grayling Township park.
6. I will continue to work with all other groups to ensure your township's participation in making this the best place for you to live, work and play.

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On The Ballot: August 3 Primary Election

Crawford County Road Commission

Two Republican candidates are vying for one four-year Crawford County Road Commission Board term in a race that could be decided in the August 3 primary election. No Democrats filed for the position. Independent candidates have until July 15 to file.

The two Republican candidates are Ken Riehle, chairman of the current Road Commission Board, and former Road Commission Board member Norman F. Parker.

The Crawford County Avalanche mailed questionnaires to each candidate, and their responses were the basis for the following brief profiles (candidates are listed alphabetically):

Norman F. Parker

Republican
Running For: Crawford County Road Commission Board

Norman F. Parker served on the Road Commission Board from 1980 to 1992, and would like another chance to be on the board.

"I enjoyed working with the other Road Commissioners, the County Road Engineer, and the public when I was on the board



Norman F. Parker

before, I feel that the goals and challenges set before us at that time were accomplished and I feel confident that they will be once again. I would like the opportunity to serve on the board another time," he said.

Parker was self-employed as a land surveyor and engineer from 1969-1997. In 1959 to 1962 he worked as an engineer for the Oscoda County Road Commission, and he worked as a construction engineer for the Ingham County Road Commission from 1962 to 1969.

Ken Riehle
Republican (Incumbent)
Running For: Crawford County Road Commission Board

Ken Riehle currently serves as



Ken Riehle

chairman of the Crawford County Road Commission Board.

"I have served for the past four years and would like to continue to do so," he said. "I enjoy serving the taxpayers of Crawford County and like being a part of good decision making regarding our roads as well as working within the budget that we are allowed. I hope that by sharing the knowledge I have acquired over my 30 years plus of an experienced business man allows me to give back to our community. I love Grayling and would like to be able to continue as a member of the Road Commission Board."

If elected, "I would strive to

continue with the good employee relationships between management and our employees of the Road Commission. We, as a board, have worked hard at this and have made great improvements in this area. (I would) continue the maintenance and improvements of the Crawford County roads and bridges and continue to resolve concerns and issues in a timely manner for our citizens and to maintain an open door policy for the community," he said.

"We presently have a great team on the board and we would like to run with the same members. There is now harmony and the teamwork among Road Commission employees since this new board took over in 1999. I truly believe that 'if it's not broke, don't try to fix it,' and it definitely is not broke. I would like to be able to remain a part of this team by being re-elected," he said.

Riehle, a retired business owner (Kleen Rite Services Inc. of Grayling), enjoys boating around the Great Lakes, snowmobiling, pool, travel, and movies. He has four married sons, two grandchildren, and is engaged to be married to Kathy Karsten.

Heritage Days focuses on Crawford County's roots

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Although Independence Day was on the fourth, there was plenty of fun to be had on the third of July this year. In order to coincide with a very patriotic weekend, the Crawford County Museum hosted its annual Heritage Days festival on a new date this year, featuring a parade and various demonstrations.

The parade was put on by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars. The main highlight was seeing American troops from the 1438th Engineer Detachment who have recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom walk in the event.

Afterward, demonstrations at the museum kept crowds interested, including a performance by a barbershop quartet.

Perhaps the most energetic performance was put on by the Banjo Picker and Friends, a family group from Grayling who played bluegrass music.

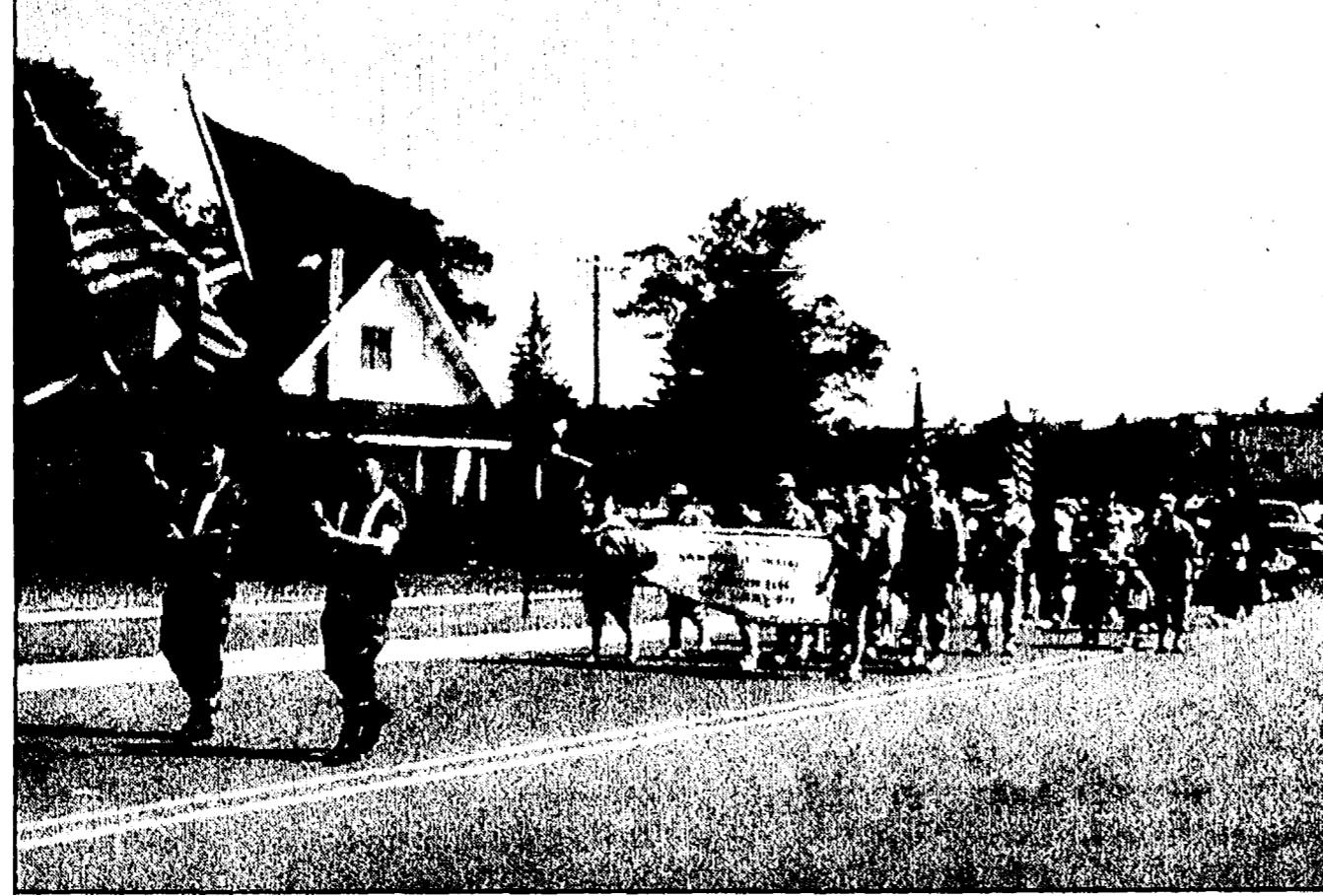
"It brings you back to a simpler time," said Rachel VanGuilder. She is a member of the Banjo Picker and Friends, with her brother, Andy VanGuilder, and her father, Barry VanGuilder. This was the local group's second year performing at the event.

"The folks love us," said Barry VanGuilder, who is the banjo picker referenced in the group's title. The group played for three hours, singing a variety of songs and taking requests from the crowd. The Banjo Picker and Friends pride themselves on being part of a musical legacy that is an important part of the American heritage.

"It's the kind of music you don't hear a lot of anymore," said Barry VanGuilder. The group plans on returning for next year's event. In the meantime, they will continue to play at community events throughout Crawford County, including the Lovells Bridge Walk in August.

In addition to the musical performances, a weaver and spinner were present to share their contributions to the local heritage.

"It's an art form," said Grayling resident Bobbie Kutkuhn, who has been weaving



The 1438th Engineer Detachment marches in front of the parade. They were followed by children on bicycles, colorful floats and political candidates.



Bobbie Kutkuhn shows a young boy how to operate the loom. Weaving was almost a lost art form in the early part of the century, but has begun to grow in popularity. "It's just something you enjoy doing," said Kutkuhn.

for 25 years. This was her first time demonstrating her art at Heritage Days. She was careful to take the time to explain the weaving process to spectators

and let them try operating the loom.

"I like to meet people. I just enjoy that sort of thing," said Kutkuhn.

In all, there was something for everyone at this year's event, with fun displays certain to take Crawford County residents back to their roots.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the many people who sent letters, cards, boxes and most of all prayers for safe return. It would be impossible to name everyone who was so kind - family, friends and organizations. Please remember the men and women who are still overseas and God bless.

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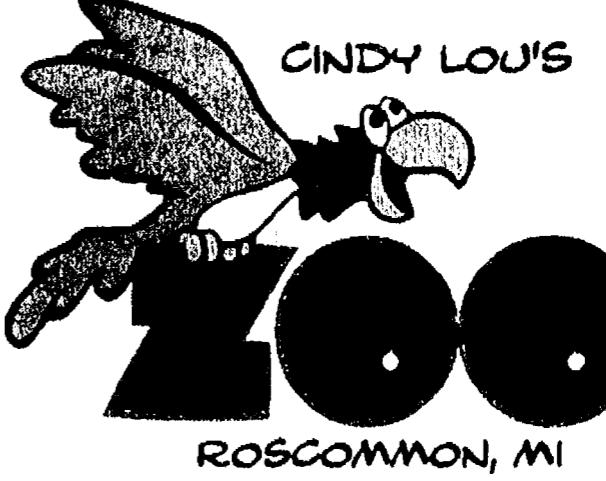
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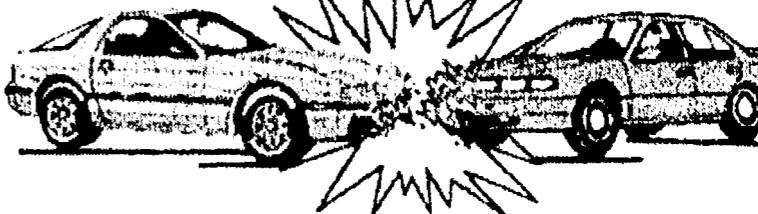
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'EMTs of the Year' honored

Four Emergency Medical Technicians were recently honored for their valuable service and dedication in serving the Crawford County, Oscoda County, and Roscommon County area. Recognized as "2004 EMT of the Year" were: John Wilcox of North Flight; Nate Stearns of Markey Township Ambulance; Jim Lippert of Gerrish Township Ambulance; Suzanne Pennell of South Branch Ambulance.

Nominations for the annual award were based on service, dedication, and patient care.

The awards were made on May 28 as part of EMS week, which brings together communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and to honor the dedication of those who provide vital day-to-day lifesaving services. This year's celebration, "EMS: There When You Need Us," reflects the commitment and dedication of the 750,000 EMS providers who make up the nation's medical "front line."

"All of our Emergency Medical Service providers are unsung heroes," said Pattie Walker, Director of Emergency Services at Mercy Hospital Grayling. "They are largely volunteers and once a year, we like to give them the recognition they deserve 365 days out of the year. We appreciate them and as a result of their excellent patient care, our patients have much better outcomes than patients would otherwise."

Mercy Hospital Grayling's EMS providers include South Branch Township EMS, Lovells Township First Responders, Frederic Ambulance, North Flight EMS, MMR, Oscoda County Ambulance, Denton Township Ambulance, Denton



Dr. Alan Bersted congratulates EMT of the Year Jim Lippert of the Gerrish Township Ambulance. (Right) Dr. Alan Bersted congratulates EMT of the Year Suzanne Pennell of South Branch Ambulance.

Township Fire First Responders, Nester Township First Responders, Richfield Township EMS, Higgins Township EMS, Markey Township EMS, Houghton Lake Ambulance, Lyon Township EMS, and Gerrish Township EMS.

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New driver's training school gives students another option

Grayling resident and Grayling High School teacher Darrin Hawes announced this week that a new driving school has opened in the area.

Northern Driving School, LLC, opened up this week in anticipation of a big year ahead. Hawes, along with co-owners Kevin Foster, Mike Reichard, and Val Kapture decided to open the venture after recognizing a need for more alternatives for driver's education in the area.

In January of 2004, Governor Jennifer Granholm ordered state cuts to public and private schools that offered driver's education. Prior to this, the State of Michigan provided schools with funding to help off-set the cost of providing this service to their students.

Since this executive order, many schools were paying well over \$250 per student to fund their programs.

Schools in the area, which cut their programs include Grayling High School, Vanderbilt High School, Johannesburg-Lewiston High School, as well as many others.

This prompted the quartet of driver's education teachers to form this joint venture. Hawes cited the fact that there were not many driving schools in the area as being a motivating factor. He stated, "With few private schools in operation, students were limited to monopoly-like competition in some areas. With the opening of Northern Driving School, we give students another option."

Northern Driving School will run classes in the Grayling area throughout the school year as well as in the summer. The school will also teach classes in Gaylord, Johannesburg, Vanderbilt and Mio. Students will be able to take both Segment I and Segment II courses through the school.

Hawes emphasized that Segment I and Segment II are separate courses. He stated that students can take these classes with any private or public school that is approved through the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Department of State.

Even if a student took Segment I with a different service, they



Northern Driving School, LLC, offers students another option in driver's education.

can take Segment II with Northern Driving School. Both segments, as well as the third-party road test, are handled as separate parts of the Michigan Graduated Driver Licensing system. Students are not obligated to stay with any one school for the process and are encouraged to shop around.

Mr. Hawes also stated that students should ask around about the quality of driver's education schools and instructors before making their decisions. He said that driver's education should be

a memorable and fun experience. Hawes also stress that students need to learn important skills, techniques, and other necessary knowledge, which will make them better drivers.

Northern Driving School is now open and running classes in the Gaylord area. Mr. Hawes will also be instructing classes beginning September 7 at Grayling High School.

For more information, please call Northern Driving School at (989) 732-8332 or (989) 344-2470.

Retailers see high gas prices cutting into profits

LANSING- More than half of Michigan retailers indicate that record-high gasoline prices will cut into their profits by raising costs or lowering sales, according to the monthly Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

When asked to choose the primary effect of spiraling gas prices, 26 percent said higher costs and 25 percent said lower sales. Only 10 percent said higher retail prices, and a far smaller

5 percent expected the result would be a boost in sales.

Gas prices above the \$2 mark, together with extremely wet weather, may be the reason more Michigan retailers saw sales fall off in May after the best four months since 2000.

The index found that 35 percent of retailers increased sales in May over the same month last year, while 16 percent reported as-good sales and 49 percent recorded declines. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 39.2, down

from 56.7 in April and the lowest month since March 2003.

"In April we said the big question is whether gas prices above \$2 a gallon will cut into retail sales this summer. May's figures might have given us the answer," said Larry Meyer, MRA chairman and CEO. "Add record rainfall to that equation and the answer is reduced sales."

Retailers' projections for the next three months fell slightly in May. Sixty-three percent forecast better sales for June - August over the same period last year,

while 12 percent project as-good sales and 25 percent expect declines. The results create a seasonally adjusted outlook index of 69.2, down from 72.3 in April and virtually the same as May 2003.

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COMPLETE INFORMATION PACKAGES AND FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DNR WEBSITE AT www.michigan.gov/landforsale.

All bids must be postmarked no later than July 30, 2004. The opening of sealed bids will take place on August 11, 2004. Information packages and forms may also be obtained by contacting Carol Larsen, Office of Land and Facilities, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948, by email to larsencb@michigan.gov or call 517-335-3324.

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## Mercy pharmacist is also a tri-athlete

About two years ago, the pharmacists at Mercy Hospital Grayling moved out from behind closed doors and onto patient care units where they have direct contact with physicians, nurses, and patients.

It was a very good move.

"The pharmacists are much more integrated into the health care team, and have a lot more satisfaction now," said Randy Stueve, the Pharmacy's Clinical Coordinator. "The doctors and nurses love having them out there, and they love being out there. I don't think we'd ever get them off of the units now," he said.

The change was great for morale, but even more importantly, patients now receive their medication much more quickly. "The turn-around time for medication orders went from an average of one to two hours, to an average of one to five minutes," Randy said.

Because the pharmacists are on the units, physicians are more likely to consult with them when prescribing medication, and pharmacists are more likely to offer recommendations. "Having that kind of face-to-face interaction with other health care team members is good for everyone," Randy said.

Pharmacists are also more available to go into patient rooms to provide information and education as needed. "Talking with patients and answering questions about their medication is one of the best parts of the job," Randy said.

Randy, 32, received his bache-

lor's degree in pharmacy from Ohio Northern University five years ago. He spent one year working at a retail pharmacy, but didn't enjoy the job. Most interactions with customers involved billing and payment issues, rather than health issues.

"I felt like an insurance agent," he said.

When he learned about a pharmacy job opening at Mercy Hospital Grayling, he was ready to make a change. What he didn't know is that the move to Grayling would change his entire life.

### The Lure of Fishing

It started with an innocent afternoon of fly-fishing. Soon, Randy was fishing nearly every day. Then winter arrived. "I realized that first winter that I had to find something to do or I would go crazy," he said. He started cross-country skiing and "I fell in love with it." Summer came and he began taking long excursions on his new road bike. And running. Before long he was training for and participating in triathlons — a race consisting of running, swimming and biking.

"I feel so good doing it," he said. "It's incredible how good it makes you feel. The hardest thing to do is to take a rest day. I didn't do anything like that before I moved up . . . I love that feeling of finishing the race."

Last August, Randy participated in his first Half Ironman: a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride, and a 13.1-mile run.

"I finished in just under five hours, which was better than my goal," he said. "Training takes an awful lot of time. I don't think I

could do this if I had a family."

### A Very Caring Individual

Despite the rigorous training schedule, Randy makes time for his friends, his co-workers, and his very fine bird dog Speck. Jessica Wenger, a pharmaceutical representative and friend, said people around the hospital often comment about Randy's kindness and his constant smile. "His good friends know that he is there with sincere concern if any issues arise," she said. "Randy always has the greater good of others in mind, and he takes the time to ensure that others are doing well."

"He takes on the role of listener in most conversations and remembers what is said, always following up to see that things are well. 'How has your Mom been feeling since that bad cold?' or 'Did you get that leak in your roof fixed?' He is a very caring individual."

His capacity for compassion and good cheer are particularly welcome when he works with Hospice patients, a role he deeply enjoys. "I like being able to make a difference and you can have an immediate impact on the quality of their life," he said. "We can make sure their pain is well controlled and we can make their last months better."

Helping patients and physicians solve the riddle of chronic pain is another of Randy's interests. "We've put forth a big effort to educate staff, physicians, and patients about proper pain management. If a physician asks us, we'll do an assessment and try to get the patient's pain managed



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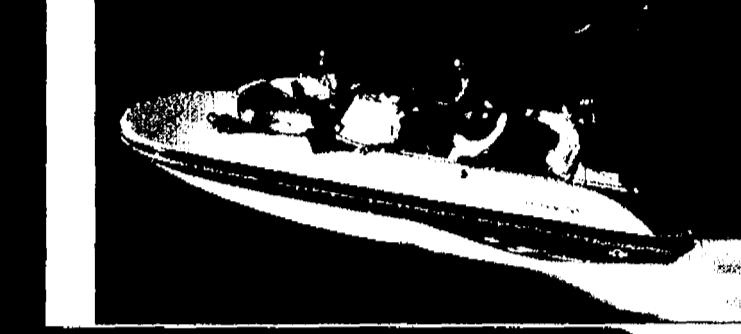
Randy has also been involved in the Grayling Asthma Project — GAP — which began in 2002. "We realized that there were a lot of young asthma patients in the area who were falling between the cracks," Randy said.

After studying the problem, it was determined that education was the key. "We spent a couple of years going out to schools and other organizations in the community and talking about asthma," he said. "It's a great program for the community that is supported by grants and donations. Volunteers from different departments do it."

With the summer race schedule looming, Randy is training hard. His ultimate goal is to participate in a full Ironman event. In the meantime, he still tries to find time to do a little fly fishing along the AuSable or Manistee Rivers.

"If my triathlon racing ended, I would be fishing full time."

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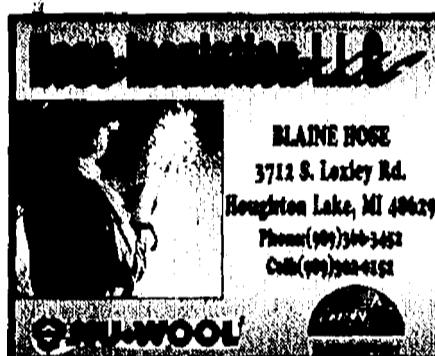
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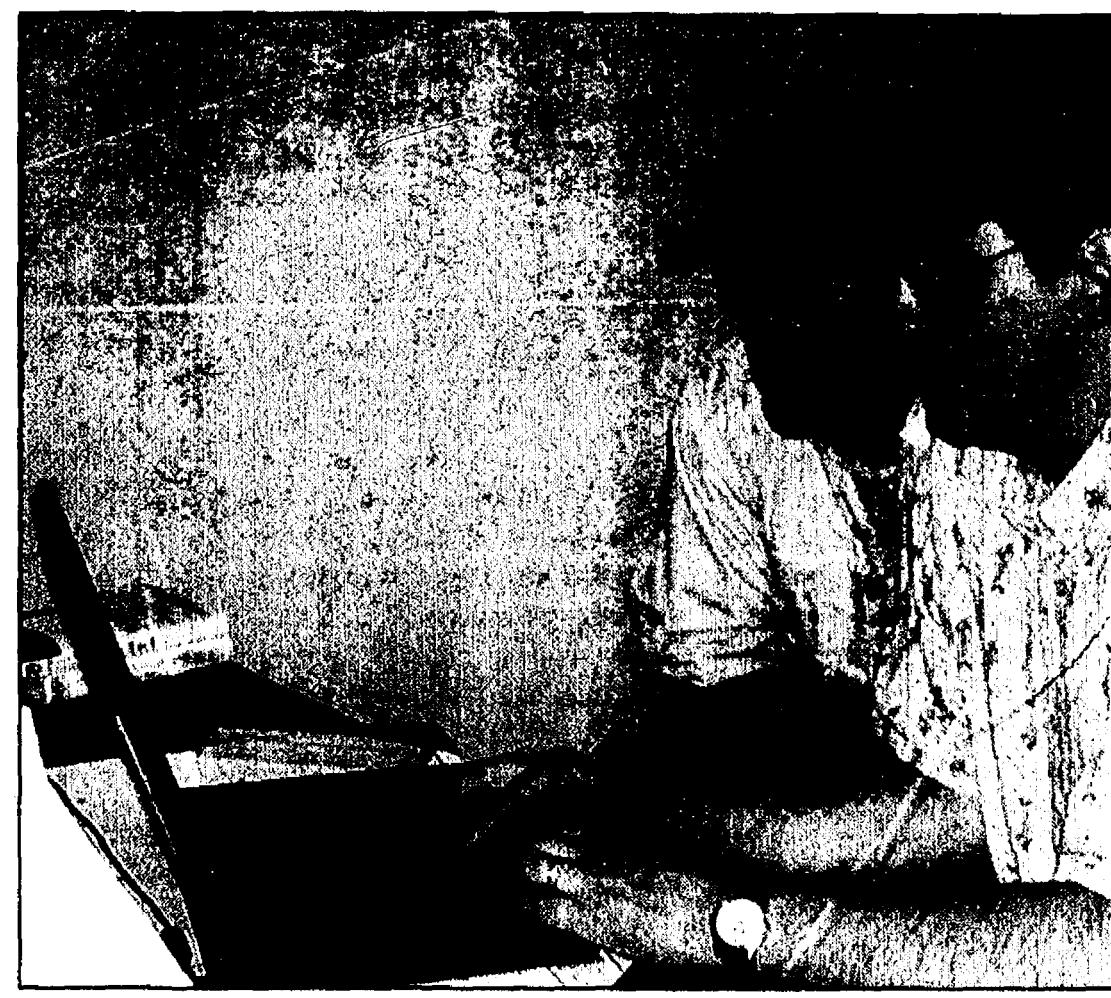


Photo by Kim Ruley

Bryon Anderson (left) and Jordan Lindberg, aka Team Leaky Waders, had trouble filing their daily report to the *Fly Rod & Reel Magazine* Thursday because of the interruption in Internet and cell phone service in the area. They came to the Avalanche where they downloaded their log to a disk, put it on the file server and when the Internet was available the story was transmitted to the magazine. However, they did find time to fulfill their primary mission while in the area as shown by the picture of Anderson fishing. The team is trying to raise money to protect the AuSable River while having fun fly-fishing for 10 days but they can't spend more than \$500. They commented that most of the money was going to be used to pay for gasoline since they are using a large SUV and will be travelling across the northern Lower Peninsula as well as west of Marquette in the Upper Peninsula during their 10-day journey.

## Mobarak reelected as president of foundation

The Public Enrichment Foundation is one of two agencies charged with the distribution of Michigan's Free Book Program. These two sister agencies serve the entire state, functioning under the supervision of the Library of Michigan within the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL).

Although HAL was newly formed in the year 2001, Public Enrichment Foundation (PEF), has been in existence since the mid-1980's. PEF is based in the Iron Mountain area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Governed by a Board of Directors, PEF has distributed

millions of dollars worth of materials to residents of Northern Michigan.

Beaver Creek resident Kathy Mobarak was asked to serve on the Governing Board of the PEF approximately eight years ago. At that time, the State of Michigan was considering closing the agency. Mobarak was one of the individuals who lobbied Lansing, diligently working to guarantee that this free resource continue to remain available in our area.

Serving first as a general member of the board, then being elected Vice-President, Mobarak began a serious drive to recruit

agencies from the Northern Lower Peninsula to become recipient agencies. Some of those recruited in the Crawford County area include the Christian Help Center, River House Shelter, Grayling Mercy Hospital programs, Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, Crawford-AuSable Primary School, American Red Cross, Camp Shawano, Crawford County Jail, and the Frederic Book Fairy.

Mobarak was elected President of the Board three years ago, and was re-elected to that position during the regular meeting held June 28, 2004. "I plan to continue

to find those agencies whose mission is to enrich the lives of those who reside in our area. Reading is one of the most basic skills we can provide to our children. I can hardly think of a more pleasant, horizon-expanding experience for even the tightest family budget. I am thrilled to have been re-elected president of the board. More importantly, I am honored to be able to provide this resource on a continuing basis."

Mobarak also serves as a trustee on the Beaver Creek Township Board and is the founder of the Beaver Creek Community Reading Program.

## McClain vying for National Cherry Queen

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

A former Grayling Junior Miss, Brandi McClain has been selected as a finalist for the National Cherry Queen competition for the third straight year.

McClain graduated from Grayling High School in 2000 and earned a bachelors degree from the University of Michigan this year.

She is currently enrolled at the Thomas M Cooley Law School.

where she is studying family law.

The new National Cherry Queen will be crowned July 9. She will reign throughout the 2005 National Cherry Festival.

Also seeking the title are 24-year old Sarah Adams of Owosso, 21-year old Carrie Gregory of Traverse City, 20-year old Alison Hurlow from Berrien Springs, and 21-year old Margaret Schneider of Traverse City.

## Storyteller to visit Grayling

The summer reading program at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library is in full-swing.

On July 8 Ron Fowler, a storyteller, will bring his wealth of story-telling experience to Grayling. He draws from a variety of sources, including traditional, folkloric, historic, children's books and his own imagination. He also includes songs - original, classic (as in favorite)

and modern songs, accompanied by a banjo, ukulele or washboard. He may also include poems, chants or finger plays. His programs are never the same so come and see what's going to happen this time. The program begins at 1 p.m. at AuSable Primary School.

On July 15, the Howell Nature Center will bring live animals.

For more information contact the library at 348-9214.

## GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

Submitted by

Joan Rasmussen

On June 26, fifteen members of the Class of 1949 held their 55th class reunion at Larry and Mo McNamara's. Everyone took that long walk down memory lane with pictures and stories of shared loves and losts.

Attending the reunion were: Alden and Donna (Carlson) Wiley of Lansing, IA; Russ and Joan (Corwin) Schottens of Suttons Bay; Lucy (Galvani) Wilbur or Flint; Ski and Mary (Majeski) Begley of Alpena; Ralph and Cynthia (Stephan) Hanna of Traverse City; Tom and Sandy Anthony of Midland; Carl Dean Hanson and Betty of Battle Creek; and Walter and Velda LaMotte of Tawas City.

Grayling residents in atten-

dance were: Larry and Mo McNamara, Jim and Joyce (Horel) Kolk, Jack and Joan (Harwood) Rasmussen, Patricia (Berry) Legg, and Amber Meech and Marty Kitchen.

Dinner was catered by Ms. Lynn Hunter and having the reunion at Mo's, in familiar surroundings, meant a lot to us.

We would also like to honor our deceased classmates: Leonard Jenson, Robert Lozon, Ernie Parsons, Richard Owens, Norene (Vincent) Kouach, Phyllis (Schmidt) Thompson, DeLauros (Welsh) Ray, Bonnie (Bogart) Kucharek, Mary (Gierke) Messinheimer, Beverly (McCauley) Firth, and Madeline (Strachly) Kucharek.

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## Independence Day celebration successful despite rain

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Damp weather was not enough to dampen spirits at this year's Fourth of July celebration. Prior to the fireworks show, there were activities throughout the day offered by the Grayling Youth Boosters Club and local businesses.

About 500 trout were planted in the river near the city park for a youth fishing competition, with enthusiastic young fishers refusing to be discouraged by the sporadic rainfall. They were rewarded for their resilience with a high rate of success, providing for some fierce competition.

Fishermen were not the only people competing on Sunday

afternoon. There were various activities taking place at the city park. Dharma Music hosted a karaoke singing competition that was open to kids and adults. Talented, and sometimes less talented, aspiring singers had the opportunity to test their voices in front of an enthusiastic crowd. Music selections ranged from Queen's well known hit, "Bohemian Rhapsody" to equally classic tunes such as "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."

Those less musically inclined still had the chance to challenge themselves and others in limbo, hula hoop and dance contests. Rain did not discourage limber visitors from giving their all in these activities, with the crowd giving their full support to the adventurous individuals who chose to participate.

Kids enjoyed several activities that were set up specifically for young Americans who were out enjoying the day's patriotic spirit. There was an Arts and Crafts show where children age ten and under made Independence Day themed items such as patriotic necklaces and flag pins.

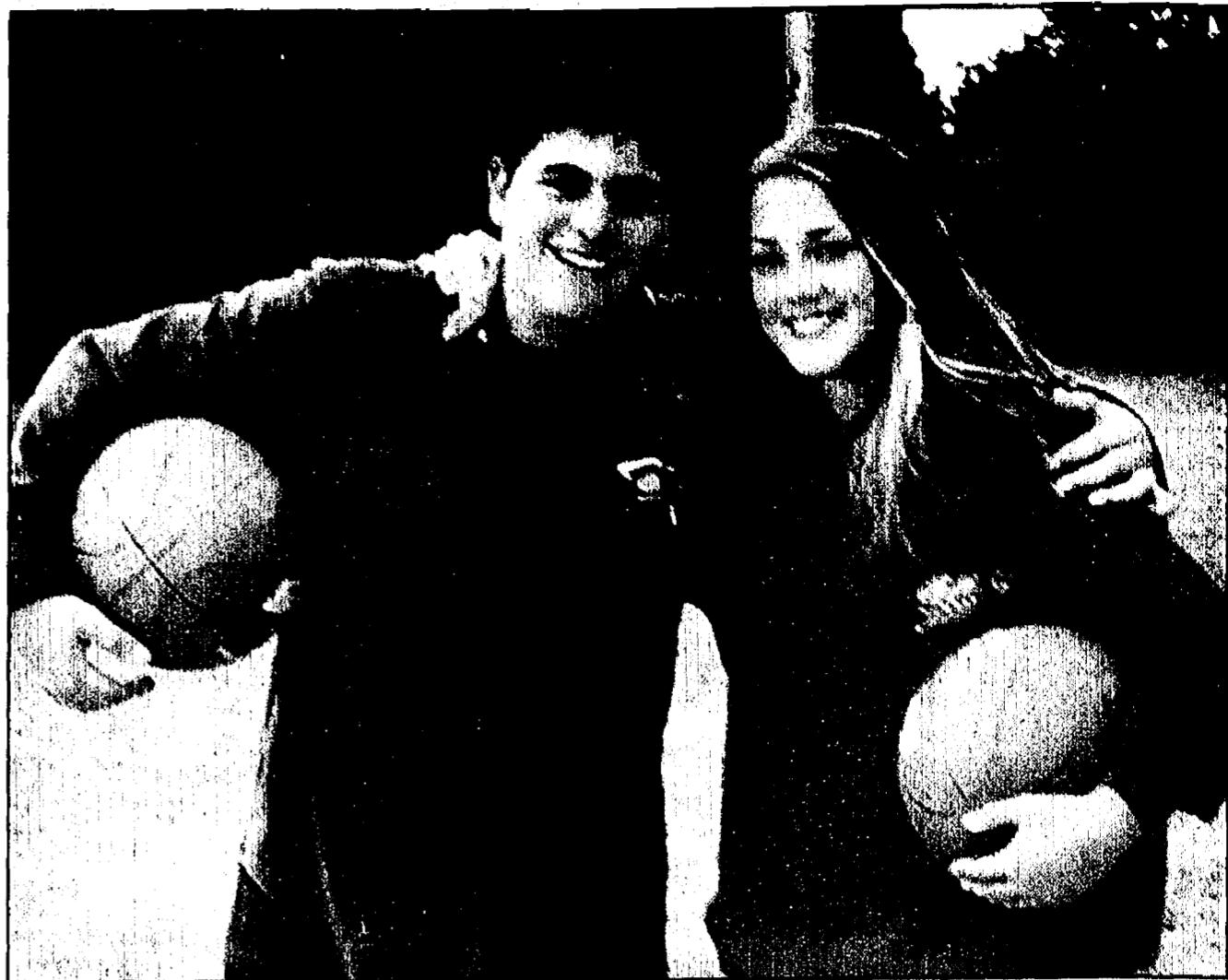
At 6:00 p.m., there was a free throw competition benefitting Grayling cheerleaders. Although several Grayling residents stepped up to the challenge, the top prizes went to Lindsay McMillan and Billy Schrage from the Detroit area.

"It's an honor to be the winner of such a glorious competition," said Schrage. Money generated from the contest will be used to help pay for cheerleading camp.

This year, as always, the featured attraction was the fireworks, which were held at 10:00 p.m. Although the display was partly obscured by a misty sky, bad weather was not enough to hide the massive and brilliant explosions of color. This year's show, put on by the Polish Pyros, cost \$10,000 and required approximately 65 manhours of work to put on. It was worth the effort, with a staggering 1,022 individual shells being launched in the grand finale alone.

"It's all safety," said Greg Dabrowski, Crew Leader for the Polish Pyros. The display went off without a hitch, with no instances of stray shells creating potential hazards.

By the end of the night, Crawford County residents had good reason to be proud both of their country and of their local community.



Free throw competition winners Billy Schrage and Lindsay McMillan stand in the city park. The competition was one of the many activities open to young people on the 4th of July. All proceeds from this particular event benefitted the Grayling Cheerleaders.



People enjoy themselves inside the pavilion at the city park. This was the site of the karaoke competitions as well as concessions. It also served as an excellent escape from the sporadic rainfall.



Kids try their luck at the fishing competition. This was likely the most popular event of the day, drawing a multitude of young fishing enthusiasts to the park.



Tyler Withers and Angela Thomson won the fishing competition for their age categories. Five hundred trout were planted in the river for this event. On the 5th, dozens of fishermen could be found trying to catch the leftovers.



This young man is working on a craft. He got into the spirit of the occasion by decking himself out in patriotic garb. He was one of many kids who were interested in showing some American spirit on the fourth.



Children participate in the hula hoop competition. This was one of the many activities available to children at the city park on the 4th.

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## It's only two weeks away

61 teams have signed up for 2004 AuSable River Canoe Marathon

### 57th Marathon to start at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, at Ray's

The start of the 57th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon is only about two weeks away, and 61 paddling teams are signed up for this year's race. The event, which starts on Saturday, July 24, at Ray's Canoe Livery at 9 p.m., completes over a week of AuSable River Festival activities in Grayling, including several other canoe races.

The number of competitors for this year's AuSable Canoe Marathon – 61 teams (as of July 1) – is comparable to the turnout last year and 2002. Sixty-five teams started the 2003 AuSable Marathon.

"We expected a few more (teams) with Nationals being in Oscoda in August. There are teams coming out for a whole month, they'll do the Spike's race through Nationals," said Tim Zigila, Co-Chair of the 2004 AuSable River Canoe Marathon's Volunteer Race Committee.

"There are some interesting teams. Race fans should be excited about the teams in this year's race," Zigila said. "(Current AuSable Marathon champions) Jeff (Kolka) and Serge (Corbin) are back. Rick Joy and Louis Berthiaume, Jim Harwood and Denis Berthiaume, those will be a couple of teams to watch, I think. Of course, Mo Harwood and Matt Rimer. And Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie, who finished

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See "IT'S ONLY TWO..."



Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie lead the pack for the run to the river in last year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Triebold and Lajoie finished second in 2003 to Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin, who won their eighth consecutive AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Both the Kolka/Corbin and Triebold/Lajoie teams are registered for the 2004 Marathon.

## 2004 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon

List of entrants as of July 1, 2004 – Teams are listed in the order in which they registered

| Team | Canoe | Name            | Name              | Sprint Day/Time | Team | Canoe | Name                 | Name             | Sprint Day/Time |
|------|-------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------|-------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 01   | 42    | Sean Casey      | Jon Thompson      | Thursday 5:15   | 32   | 16    | Jeff Kolka           | Serge Corbin     | Thursday 7:20   |
| 02   | 00    | Robert Bradford | David Phelps      | Thursday 5:00   | 33   | 69    | Matthew Smith        | Bob Stockton     | Thursday 8:05   |
| 03   | 47    | Jeff DeFeo      | Susan Morris      | Thursday 5:45   | 34   | 62    | Ray Trudgeon         | Thomas Trudgeon  | Thursday 7:25   |
| 04   | 19    | Debbie Perry    | Joseph Seifert    | Thursday 5:20   | 35   | 18    | Bruce Byrnes         | Russ Reker       | Friday 3:30     |
| 05   | 46    | Cheryl Lucey    | John Lucey        | Thursday 5:25   | 36   | 01    | Andrew Triebold      | Steve Lajoie     | Thursday 8:10   |
| 06   | 68    | Lee Jarpey      | Keith Canny       | Friday 3:00     | 37   | 94    | Bill Smutek          | Frank Smutek     | Thursday 5:10   |
| 07   | 64    | Peter Heed      | Randy Martin      | Thursday 6:00   | 38   | 85    | Doug Howard          | Gloria Wesley    | Thursday 7:30   |
| 08   | 87    | Rodney Halstead | Ryan Halstead     | Thursday 6:20   | 39   | 54    | Lynne Witte          | Stephanie Larson | Thursday 7:35   |
| 09   | 96    | Tricia Heed     | Tom Warner        | Thursday 6:25   | 40   | 36    | Michael Garon        | Bill Schmitz     | Thursday 7:45   |
| 10   | 33    | Jeff Rankinen   | Todd Roadman      | Friday 3:20     | 41   | 27    | Ed Lazar             | Dwight Walker    | Friday 2:20     |
| 11   | 09    | Al Widig, Sr.   | Jerry Killingbeck | Friday 5:20     | 42   | 93    | Alfred Borchers      | Brian Borchers   | Thursday 7:40   |
| 12   | 12    | Chad Brandt     | Mike Thomsen      | Friday 2:55     | 43   | 22    | Colin Hunter         | Fred Mills       | Thursday 7:50   |
| 13   | 76    | Josh Sheldon    | Josh Taylor       | Thursday 6:30   | 44   | 10    | Ted Smutek           | Amy Solak        | Friday 4:05     |
| 14   | 34    | Matt Streib     | Mandy Trudgeon    | Friday 2:00     | 45   | 39    | Pete Mead            | Bill DuBois      | Thursday 8:15   |
| 15   | 02    | Jim Harwood     | Denis Berthiaume  | Thursday 7:55   | 46   | 14    | Bill Torongo         | Clark Kent       | Friday 4:20     |
| 16   | 17    | Linda Taber     | Frank Taber       | Thursday 6:35   | 47   | 28    | Steven Landick       | Greg Nelson      | Friday 2:10     |
| 17   | 97    | David Dahl      | Ed Arenz          | Thursday 8:50   | 48   | 03    | Mo Harwood           | Matthew Rimer    | Friday 4:00     |
| 18   | 99    | Jason Snell     | Rejean Huard      | Thursday 6:40   | 49   | 84    | Nathan Winkler       | Tim Chapple      | Friday 2:15     |
| 19   | 24    | Karen Levitt    | Abby Kingman      | Thursday 6:10   | 50   | 26    | Craig Jacobs         | Jeff Baerlocher  | Thursday 8:20   |
| 20   | 57    | Doug VanMeter   | Jon Webb          | Thursday 8:00   | 51   | 89    | Alex Lisbey          | Daniel Cruz      | Thursday 8:25   |
| 21   | 83    | Tom Ackemeyer   | Ray Bauer         | Friday 2:50     | 52   | 49    | Chris Scully         | Oscar Cordon     | Friday 2:45     |
| 22   | 06    | Allan DuBois    | Gareth Stevens    | Thursday 6:45   | 53   | 79    | Brian Royce          | John Fundenberg  | Thursday 8:30   |
| 23   | 23    | Ashley Marsh    | Brad Spies        | Thursday 5:40   | 54   | 37    | Ron Trojanek         | Dave Piehl       | Friday 4:10     |
| 24   | 70    | Garth Greenan   | John VanHouten    | Thursday 5:55   | 55   | 183A  | Jeremy Messerschmidt | Matt Cottrell    | Friday 3:35     |
| 25   | 20    | David Teddy     | Tim Sheldon       | Thursday 5:05   | 56   | 05    | Jeff Janish          | Theresa Janish   | Friday 3:40     |
| 26   | 11    | Rick Joy        | Louis Berthiaume  | Thursday 5:50   | 57   | 72    | Neal Sand            | Mark McAndrew    | Thursday 8:35   |
| 27   | 43    | Tad Hill        | Mike Hartman      | Thursday 6:05   | 58   | 07    | Brad Bauer           | Nick Bauer       | Thursday 8:40   |
| 28   | 50    | Joey Kimsel     | Rodney Matthews   | Friday 2:05     | 59   | 136A  | Mark Noorman         | Rob Pease        | Friday 3:25     |
| 29   | 08    | Devin Arenz     | Brett Arenz       | Friday 5:15     | 60   | 38    | Matt Ashton          | Erich Podjasko   | Friday 5:40     |
| 30   | 88    | Barb Bradley    | Allen Limberg     | Friday 2:40     | 61   | 66    | Steve Watson         | Dwayne Barnes    | Thursday 6:55   |
| 31   | 90    | Robert Smith    | Doug Moggo        | Thursday 6:50   |      |       |                      |                  |                 |

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The women's league posed for a Crazy Hat Day picture, July 1, 1959. Members shown are Beatrice Cornell, Barbara Schulze, Marian Joseph, Ina Cook, Pat Wiseman, Laura Olson, Janet Henig, Mary Pettingill, Jean Sinla, Peg Milnes, Isabel Allison, Nancy Cox, Ann DuBois, Billy Ann Brown, Jean Iothro, Alice Bond, Beverly Lowry, and Doris Sorenson.

## Grayling Country Club celebrates 80th anniversary

by Susan Warrington  
 Staff Writer

On July 11, 2004, the Grayling Country Club will celebrate its 80th anniversary.

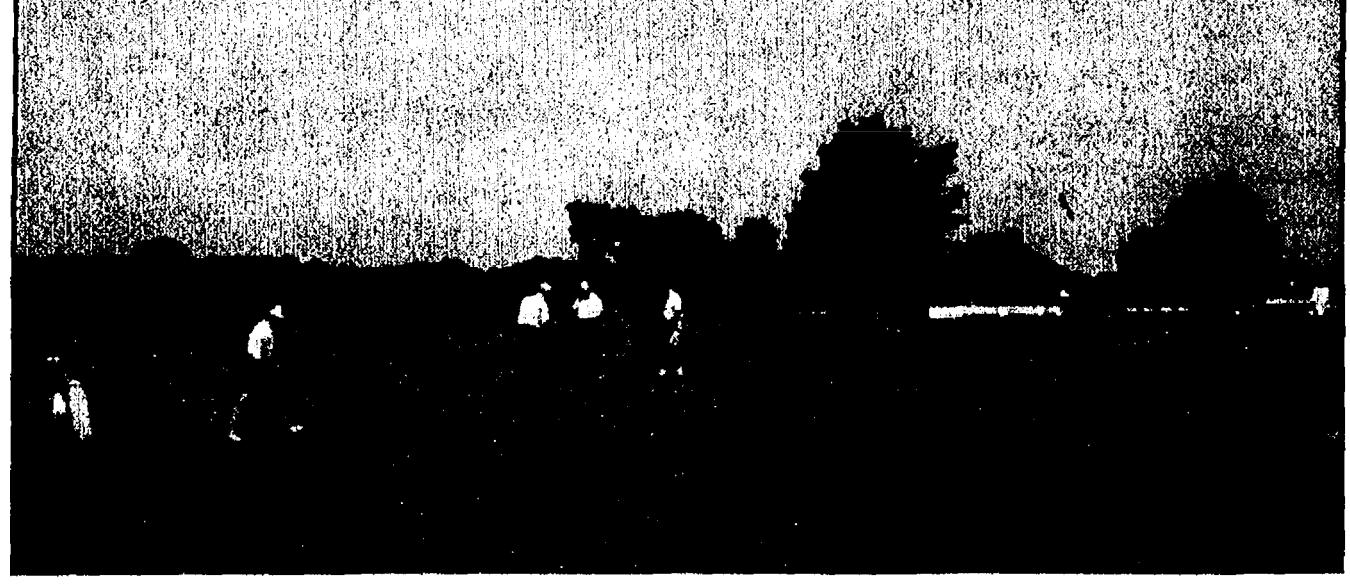
On October 26, 1924, there was a meeting held at the Grayling Board of Trade rooms for the purpose of organizing a golf club. T. W. Hanson acted as chair of the first meeting where the group discussed the benefits of a golf club for Grayling and appointed a board of directors. The original board of directors were C. T. Kerry, Emil Kraus, M.A. Atkinson, H. A. Bauman, T. W. Hanson, Thomas Cassidy, Marius Hanson, Herbert W. Wolff, and A. M. Lewis.

Two days later they met again to elect officers. T. W. Hanson was elected president, H. A. Bauman vice president, A.M. Lewis secretary and Marius Hanson treasurer.

At the same meeting C.T. Kerry was authorized to proceed with incorporation papers and draw up a set of bylaws for the Golf Club.

Paul Whaley was hired to supervise, lay out and construct a nine hole golf course on the site on the R. Hanson and Sons lumber yard at the November 3, 1924 meeting.

Over the next three years the group sold shares in the country club until they had a commitment



The original clubhouse at the Grayling Country Club started out as the office for the R. Hanson and Sons Lumberyard.

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F. R. Welch, T. P. Peterson and President T. W. Hanson formed the first grounds committee in April 1925.

By April, 1927 a tractor, cutter for the fairway, mower for the rough and greens cutter were ordered. In June, 1927 they established greens fees of \$1 per day, \$5 per week, \$15 per month, \$30 per season and \$0.50 per evening after 6 p.m.

The course actually opened for its first golfers on July 1, 1927.

Unlike most golf clubs of the day, women were able to play on the course from the day it opened.

By 1928, signs advertising the course were placed on the highway (old U.S.-27), while Mrs. C. R. Keyport, Mrs. C. C. Clippert and Mrs. A. J. Joseph were busy raising funds and selecting furniture for the club house, which was the old office of the lumberyard.

Interest in hosting tournaments grew and in May, 1932 a tournament committee composed of Roy Milnes, Esbern Olson and O.W. Hanson was established.

By 1933 the club reduced membership dues and greens fees as the Depression began to affect the area. Although the effects of the Depression continued, in 1935, the club hired their first "pro" R. O. Courtright with a salary of \$20 per week. He was also in charge of the clubhouse.

With the advent of World War II, things did not improve for the club. At the May 2, 1943 meeting members were trying to find a way to keep the club open.

Evidently the club closed because the next recorded set of minutes is dated June 5, 1947. Records show that the club did not actually open for golfing again until September, 1948.

In 1956, club members began to talk about expanding the course to 18 holes and building a new club house, however, neither event happened for over 30 years.

The golf club was reorganized into a non-profit corporation and renamed the Grayling Country

Club. Glenn Sawyer was elected as the first president of the new organization in July, 1961.

Over the next several years the officers and board of directors discussed selling off some of their frontage along US-27 and acquiring land to expand the course to 18-holes.

In March, 1967, they sold some of their land north of the river so a new county courthouse and jail could be built. At that time, it was planned to have a road cross over the river from Michigan Avenue.

The club sold frontage to Consolidated Gas of Detroit in 1970. The golf course was also redesigned at this time, putting in a new #7 and #8 which was originally scheduled to cross the river, but this plan was abandoned as too expensive.

The next year Emil Kraus purchased frontage along Business Loop I-75 and built a mall containing a Ben Franklin store among others.

By 1972, the new clubhouse was ready for occupancy and was used to host the kick-off dinner dance of the Grayling Centennial Committee on August 5.

In 1988 the officers of the

Grayling Country Club asked for bids for the construction of an 18-hole course. Bids had been solicited several times since 1956 when the idea of an 18-hole

course was first raised, however, this proved to be the last time. During the construction of the back 9-holes, part of the foundation of one of the old mill buildings was found. It now serves as a backdrop for many wildflowers on the 17th hole.

The new 18-hole course had its grand opening July 20, 1990.

Today the course is busy with league play and tournaments in addition to visitors who enjoy playing the course.

Unlike many courses today, golfers may walk the course and have the option of carrying their own bags or pulling them along on a cart. Golf carts are also available for those who elect to ride. For the occasional golfer, clubs may be rented.

The celebration scheduled for this Sunday, will include the second annual scramble tournament; a cookout, and a raffle to several items including CMU season football tickets and a quilt made by the club superintendent.

Photo by Susan Warrington



This wall is all that remains of an old lumbermill building located in the rough of what is now part of the 17th green. It was discovered during the expansion of the golf course in 1989.

## GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Submitted by Donna Thomson  
 Wednesday Ladies League

Wow! Some warmth finally arrived for all us on Wednesday, June 30. A beautiful way to end the month. Sure hope July will continue in the same fashion and with more heat.

These gals were also hot with their golf game as in flight A, Sally McNamara took it all with

a low net of 29 and low putts of 14.

In Flight B, Mary Hamblin and Bev McNamara also had a low net of 29 while Bev had low putts of 14.

In Flight C, Sharon France also took it all with a low net of 29 and low putts of 16. I guess 29 was the lucky number of the day.

There were no chip-ins, but

there was one birdie and that was by Mary Jane Knibbs on #7.

There were three special prizes given of an insulated water bottle won by Bev Zimmerman, in Flight A, for closest to the pin on #5; Wendy Kucharek, in Flight B, for the longest putt on #2; and Shirley Schultz, in Flight C, for the longest drive on #1.

That's all "fore" now.



Grayling Little League's 9 and 10 year-old all-star team: (front, left to right) Zane Tobin, Thomas Burrell, Craig Collen, Scout Tobin, David Bergan, Steven Enos, Joey Latusek; (back, left to right) Coach Rocky Tobin, Travis Schreiber, Ty Jensen, Zachary Schreiber, Camren Wilson, Chris Phillips, Nick Wells, Coach Bob Jensen.

## All-star team wins one, loses one in tournament

Grayling Little League's 9 and 10 year-old all-star team opened its tournament schedule last week with a 14-8 victory over Gaylord.

Camren Wilson hit a triple in the first inning to score two runs as part of a six-run inning that got Grayling off to a great start. Pitching by Zane Tobin and some great defensive plays made it tough for Gaylord to get back in the game. At the bottom of four, the score was 8-1, Grayling.

In the fifth, with two outs, Gaylord rallied with a 2 RBI single by Gabe Nowicki, followed by a 2 RBI triple by Nick Lochnski scoring five runs before Grayling got out number three on a grounder.

Grayling answered with a six-run rally of its own, including a 2 RBI double by Thomas Burrell in the sixth followed by a three up, three down inning by Gaylord to end the game at 14-8.

Tobin pitched six innings and posted 10 strikeouts.

Grayling lost to Traverse City West in its second game of the tournament.

Against TC West, Grayling got on the board in the first inning when Burrell singled in David Bergan. Grayling left runners in scoring position to end the inning.

Josh Tyer hit a double to start the first for TC West. With two outs and runners in scoring position,



Thomas Burrell pitches to a TC West batter.

tion, a Grayling error led to a big TC West inning when six more runs scored on six consecutive singles. At the bottom of one, Grayling was down 7-1.

Ty Jenson got the RBI in the second inning when he brought

around Chris Phillips. Grayling settled in defensively and held TC West to one run in the second and scoreless in the third.

In the Grayling side of the third inning, Tobin scored what turned out to be the final

Grayling run. TC West scored twice in the fourth on a double by Joey Caraceo and a triple by Nick Keller. Grayling failed to score in the fifth and Traverse City scored three runs in the fifth which put them up by 10 runs, inciting the mercy rule. The game ended in five innings.

Head Coach Rocky Tobin said, "Our kids played tough tonight, we had one rough inning defensively and that hurt us. Our kids were hitting the ball well but TC West made good solid plays. We just never got a break."



David Bergan beats a throw to first for an infield single in a loss to Traverse City West on Thursday, July 1.

### New members for Second Quarter

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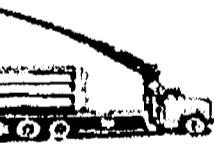
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### Celebrating 30 Years

Nestor M. Guño, M.D. is celebrating his 30th year of active medical practice this middle of July.

He came to Gaylord in July of 1974 and did General Surgery and anesthesiology as well as general practice and emergency medicine for 15 years.

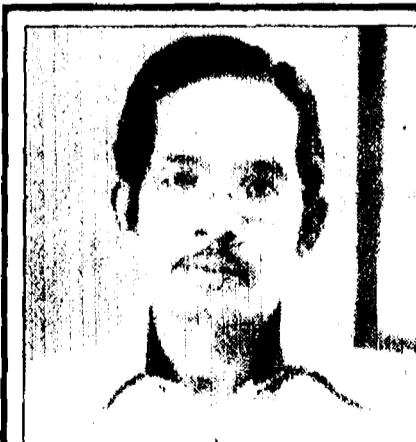
He worked in Northern Michigan and down-state in the emergency room and subsequently worked as Medical Director of Urgent Care/Walk-In Clinic in Bay City for a year and a half, and then opened the first Walk-In/Urgent Care Clinic in Northern Michigan in 1991 called Quick Care, which was renamed Northern Care Walk-In Clinic after 2 years.

He has opened the clinic here in Grayling since, with a 3 year stint in Gaylord at the same time.

The Northern Care Walk-In Clinic has evolved from a regular Urgent Care/Walk-In Clinic to a partially regular General Practice Clinic with occupational medicine capabilities.

Dr. Guño thinks that the clinic will still be open for a few more years, and hopefully service the community further.

A free health screening will be held on Friday, July 16th from 10 am to 6 pm in commemoration of Doctor Guño's 30 years of clinical practice of medicine.



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Youth Canoe Race Start (2003)

## Several canoe races to be held in Grayling

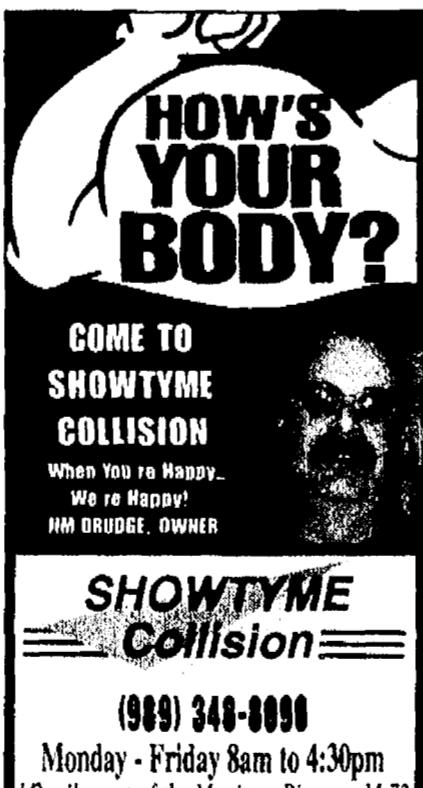
In addition to the 57th AuSable River Canoe Marathon, there are several other canoe races for paddlers of various age and skill level to be held this month. They include:

- **Spike's Challenge C-1 Race** – Saturday, July 17 – Borcher's AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing. Race starts at 6 p.m.

- **Spike's Challenge C-2 Sprints For Starting Position** – Saturday, July 17 – C-2 Race competitors paddle a looped course from the city park upstream to a buoy, turn around, and finish by going downstream back to the starting line. Times determine placements for the run to the river during the start of Sunday morning's C-2 race, an event considered by many paddlers and fans as a warm-up to the AuSable Marathon. Sprints start at 9 a.m.

- **Spike's Challenge C-2 Race** – Sunday, July 18 – Race starts at 9 a.m. with the run to the river. Canoes enter the AuSable River at Ray's Canoe Livery and cross the finish line 2.5 to 4 hours later at McMasters Bridge.

- **1st Annual HUP Race** –



C-1 Express (2003)

**Wednesday, July 21 –** Community members race homemade canoes constructed with kits that include one sheet of plywood, two 2x4 boards, a pound of nails, and one roll of duct tape. The race, sponsored by Grayling Uptown District Association, will start at 6 p.m. at the city park.

**• AuSable Marathon Time Trials for Starting Position** – Thursday, July 22 – Day one of a two-day event. AuSable Marathon teams paddle a looped course that goes downstream from Penrod's to a buoy and back upstream to the starting line. Times determine teams' starting positions for the run to the river during Saturday night's AuSable Marathon start. Time trials go from 5-8 p.m.

**• Business Relay Races –** Thursday, July 22 – Four-person teams battle in a relay race format. Two team members paddle upstream from Penrod's to Ray's, and two complete the relay by paddling downstream back to Penrod's. The event, to be held from 5-7 p.m., is sponsored by the Camp Grayling Conservation Club.

**• C-1 Express** – Thursday, July 22 – Competitors race from Borcher's to Burton's in one-person canoes. Race starts at 7 p.m. The event, which is "geared toward local paddlers and people not racing the Marathon for one reason or another," according to event organizers, is being sponsored by Mark Sloan, a local American Express financial advisor.

**• Casey Challenge Youth Canoe Races** – Friday, July 23 – Races run from Borcher's to Burton's. For paddlers age 12-17. Race starts at 10 a.m.

**• AuSable Marathon Time Trials for Starting Position** – Friday, July 23 – Day two of the two-day event, 2-6 p.m. Time trials are being sponsored by Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury of Grayling.

**• Special Olympics Challenge** – Friday, July 23 – Marathon paddlers complete a looped course with a Special Olympian. Starts at 4:30 p.m. at Penrod's.

**• AuSable River Festival Challenge Canoe Races** – Saturday, July 24 – Two different divisions: Novice Class (uses aluminum canoes) and Standard Class (uses non-racing fiberglass or comp). Races, sponsored by Shagbark Angus Farms of Caledonia, go from Ray's to Burton's. Novice Class starts at 4:30 p.m. Standard Class starts at 4:45 p.m.

**• 57th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon** – Saturday, July 24 – The main event. Beginning at 9 p.m., teams run with their canoes from downtown Grayling to Ray's, enter the AuSable River, and paddle 120 miles through the night to the finish line in Oscoda. The winners finish in approximately 14-15 hours.



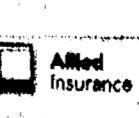
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# 2003 AuSable River Canoe Marathon – Official Results

| Place | Canoe # | Time     | Name              | Name               |
|-------|---------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 01    | 16      | 14:55:03 | Jeff Kolka        | Serge Corbin       |
| 02    | 01      | 14:56:51 | Andrew Triebold   | Steve Lajoie       |
| 03    | 81      | 15:02:45 | Tony Short        | Doris Berthiaume   |
| 04    | 11      | 15:13:16 | Rick Joy          | Ted Kolka          |
| 05    | 03      | 15:16:50 | Matt Rimer        | Mo Harwood         |
| 06    | 02      | 15:19:14 | Jim Harwood       | Matt Streib        |
| 07    | 82      | 15:22:22 | Clark Kent        | Louis Berthiaume   |
| 08    | 50      | 15:42:56 | Tim Valko         | Erich Podjasko     |
| 09    | 28      | 15:43:03 | Steven Landick    | Armin Lopez        |
| 10    | 14      | 15:50:58 | Bill Torongo      | Bruce Barton       |
| 11    | 74      | 15:53:48 | Tim Sheldon       | Davey Teddy        |
| 12    | 08      | 15:55:50 | Nick D'Amour      | Matthew Ashton     |
| 13    | 65      | 16:00:51 | Pierre Lapointe   | Eric Gagnon        |
| 14    | 17      | 16:02:16 | Nicholas Bauer    | Brad Bauer         |
| 15    | 98      | 16:03:32 | Sean Jennings     | Joe Shaw           |
| 16    | 38      | 16:04:02 | Wade Binion       | Alex Lisbey        |
| 17    | 62      | 16:06:03 | Thomas Trudgeon   | Mandy Trudgeon     |
| 18    | 80      | 16:08:14 | Dwayne Barnes     | Amy Solak          |
| 19    | 87      | 16:13:02 | Rodney Halstead   | Ryan Halstead      |
| 20    | 45      | 16:17:11 | Sylvain Greffard  | Yves Greffard      |
| 21    | 36      | 16:18:52 | Michael Garon     | Doug Gillin        |
| 22    | 90      | 16:21:15 | Robert Smith      | Doug Moggo         |
| 23    | 22      | 16:22:49 | Pete Mead         | Colin Hunter       |
| 24    | 34      | 16:25:46 | Mike Packard      | Carrie Montgomery  |
| 25    | 27      | 16:28:55 | Dick Plumlee      | Dwight Walker      |
| 26    | 64      | 16:29:53 | Blaise St. Pierre | Serge Page         |
| 27    | 40      | 16:31:51 | Fred Mills        | Joseph Seifert     |
| 28    | 69      | 16:40:38 | Matt Smith        | Robert Stockton II |
| 29    | 09      | 16:40:58 | Don Brooks        | Al Widig, Sr.      |
| 30    | 18      | 16:41:27 | Bruce Byrnes      | Russ Reker         |
| 31    | 61      | 16:49:12 | Chuck Hewitt      | Ray Quick          |
| 32    | 85      | 16:56:03 | Kevin LeRoy       | Neil Hanks         |
| 33    | 83      | 16:56:26 | Ray Bauer         | Tom Ackemeyer      |

| Place | Canoe # | Time     | Name               | Name            |
|-------|---------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 34    | 10      | 16:56:33 | Jeff DeFeo         | Karen Levitt    |
| 35    | 54      | 16:59:03 | Debbie Perry       | Lynne Witte     |
| 36    | 56      | 17:14:23 | Todd VanDeVen      | Chris Kucharek  |
| 37    | 73      | 17:22:48 | Greg Nelson        | Amado Cruz      |
| 38    | 31      | 17:24:09 | Jim Laurent        | Sean Casey      |
| 39    | 79      | 17:26:17 | Brian Royce        | John Funderburg |
| 40    | 19      | 17:29:22 | Timothy Feldkamp   | Doug Heady      |
| 41    | 57      | 17:41:59 | Jon Webb           | Cassie Webb     |
| 42    | 55      | 17:48:00 | Andre Parenteau    | Luc Parenteau   |
| 43    | 43      | 17:56:44 | Mike Hartman       | Ray Trudeon     |
| 44    | 46      | 18:03:43 | John Lucey         | Cheryl Lucey    |
| 45    | 37      | 18:06:59 | Alton DuBois       | Kate Ellis      |
| 46    | 84      | 18:07:28 | Tim Chapple        | Nate Winkler    |
| 47    | 131     | 18:16:53 | Donald Starks      | Brian Borchers  |
| 48    | 20      | 18:54:26 | Brett Addis        | Andrew Addis    |
| 49    | 99      | 18:55:09 | Jason Snell        | Rejean Huard    |
| 50    | 97      | DROP     | Allen Limberg      | Barb Bradley    |
| 51    | 12      | DROP     | Chad Brandt        | Mike Thomesen   |
| 52    | 77      | DROP     | Chris Scully       | Rod Matthews    |
| 53    | 42      | DROP     | Hank Feldhauser    | Jon Thompson    |
| 54    | 71      | DROP     | Jerry Brown        | Richard Stepp   |
| 55    | 06      | DROP     | Deagan Olajdija    | Doug VanMeter   |
| 56    | 26      | DROP     | Brad Taggett       | David Timmerman |
| 57    | 15      | DROP     | Tad Hill           | Bill Schmitz    |
| 58    | 94      | DROP     | Frank Smutek       | Bill Smutek     |
| 59    | 48      | DQ       | Mark Church        | Gabe Williams   |
| 60    | 13      | DROP     | Dave Skillman, Jr. | Garth Greenan   |
| 61    | 120     | DROP     | Joe Leusby         | Rob Reed        |
| 62    | 70      | DQ       | Linda Taber        | Frank Taber     |
| 63    | 92      | DQ       | Cliff Denson       | Scott Peterson  |
| 64    | 146     | DQ       | Matt Moulds        | Malcom Moulds   |
| 65    | 136     | DQ       | Mark Noorman       | Lance Bowman    |

## It's only two weeks away

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second in New York (2004 General Clinton Canoe Regatta) and gave Jeff and Serge a run last year (in the AuSable Marathon)."

Other veteran AuSable Canoe Marathon paddlers signed up for this year's race include: Robert Bradford, Peter Heed, Al Widig Sr. (in his 35th Marathon), Frank

Taber, Jon Webb, Frank Smutek, Lynne Witte, Bill DuBois, Bill Torongo, Clark Kent, and Steven Landick.

The average number of previous Marathons for the 122 competitors signed up so far this year is about 4.4. The field includes 25 paddlers attempting their first AuSable River Canoe Marathon.



Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin, shown here during the 2003 AuSable River Canoe Marathon's pre-race paddler introductions, will try for a ninth consecutive win in the 120-mile canoe racing event this year.

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN

### PROBATE COURT

### COUNTY OF

### CRAWFORD

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### Decedent's Estate

File No. 04-6829-DE

Estate of Louis Albert Cote, deceased

Date of birth: 10/3/41

Date opened: 6/25/04

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Louis Albert Cote, who lived at 5155 W. Dort Road Roscommon, Michigan died 2/3/04.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Louis A. Cote, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative

within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 23, 2004

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of the sum of EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR AND 58/100 DOLLARS (\$88,424.58), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM on August 11, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TOWN- SHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 70, SHERWOOD FOREST #2 SUB-DIVISION, A RECORDED PLAT IN LIBER 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 15, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS TAX PARCEL ID#040-45-861-070-00.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days

from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 29, 2004

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ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Crawford AuSable School District is seeking to purchase a point of sale system for their food service program. The request for proposal is available from the school district office located at 403 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Bids are due Friday, July 9, 2004, 3 p.m. EDT. For further information call 989-344-3500.

### INVITATION TO BID

The Grayling City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the Grayling City Hall at 1020 City Hall at 1020 City Boulevard to receive input regarding a Stormwater Runoff Control Ordinance. A copy of this proposed ordinance is available at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. All City Residents are invited to attend this meeting.

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## NOTICE OF COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is given by virtue of Order to Seize Property dated April 5, 2004 issued out of the 90th District Court for the City of Petoskey, County of Emmet, State of MI, Case No. 01-1484-GC and pursuant to judgement dated July 10, 2002 in favor of Preston Feather Plaintiff whose address is 900 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI, against Randall, and Sheri West whose address is 10449 Regimental HWY, Grayling, MI, 49738. I did on April 27, 2004 levy on all rights, title, and interest of Defendants in the following described land:

I.D. No. 040-45-760-13-008-00  
Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
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County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, City of Grayling, State of MI, 49738

Pursuant to said levy recorded Liber 667, Page 979 Crawford County Register of Deeds. I will offer for sale all rights, title, and interest of the Defendants in the above described land to the highest bidder at the main entrance of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W Michigan, Grayling, MI, 49738 thus being the place holding the Circuit Court for the county of Crawford. On August 19, 2004 at 11:00 in the before noon.

Dated June 23, 2004

Drafted by  
Dennis Marshall  
Crawford County  
County Sheriffs Dept.  
200 West Michigan  
Grayling MI, 49738  
989-732-6931

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY

Case No. 04-6402-CH  
JEFFERY M. DEWITT and  
KAREN L. DEWITT, Plaintiffs,

vs  
INVESTORS SERVICING CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation,  
FELIX FRED PRINCE and PATRICIA  
GAYE PRINCE, Defendants.

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.  
By: William L. Carey (P31602)  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop  
P.O. Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-5232

### ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan this 17th day of May, 2004.

PRESENT: HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY Circuit Court Judge

UPON A REVIEW of the pleadings filed in the instant matter, including Plaintiff's Petition for Alternative Service, the Court being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND

ADJUDGED that service may be effectuated

over Defendants Felix Fred Prince, Patricia Gaye Prince, and Investors Servicing Corporation pursuant to MCR 2.106(B).

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall effectuate service over the above-named Defendants by publication in the Crawford County Avalanche once each week for three consecutive weeks directing the Defendants as follows:

TO THE DEFENDANTS, INVESTORS SERVICING CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation and FELIX FRED PRINCE and PATRICIA GAY PRINCE:

A. You are being sued within the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan;

B. The names of the parties are: Plaintiffs JEFFERY M. DEWITT and KAREN L. DEWITT and Defendants INVESTORS SERVICING CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation and FELIX FRED PRINCE and PATRICIA GAY PRINCE.

C. These proceedings are instituted to quiet title to a parcel of real property located in Crawford County, Michigan.

D. That an answer needs to be filed/taken within 28 days at the Crawford County Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, or other action permitted by law or court rule must be taken.

E. That failure to answer or take other action will result in a default being filed against the Defendants, INVESTORS SERVICING CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation and FELIX FRED PRINCE and PATRICIA GAYE PRINCE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall:

1. Post a copy of this instant order in the Crawford County Courthouse, United States Post Office for Grayling, Michigan, and the South Branch Township office where the parcel is located for three continuous weeks; and,

2. Send a copy of this instant order to each of the Defendants to his or her last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested prior to the last week of the posting as dictated in Paragraph 1 above; and,

3. Posting a copy of this instant order on the real property which is the subject matter of this litigation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the law offices of CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C. may post this instant order and must thereafter file proof of posting.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy  
Circuit Court Judge

-1-8-15

## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 04-6416-CH

CPFT-FD LAND, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs  
CPFT-FOREST DUNES HOLDING COMPANY, L.L.C., SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, KENNETH RIEHLE, Chairman, Crawford County Road Commission; JAMES E. BURTCH, Drain Commissioner, Crawford County Drain Commission; JAY B. RISING, Treasurer, State of Michigan; GLORIA J. JEFF, Director, Michigan Department of

Transportation; REBECCA A. HUMPHRIES, Director, Michigan Department of Natural Resources; STEVEN E. CHESTER, Director for the Department of Environmental Quality, CONSUMERS ENERGY; and EDWARD J. WALTON, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES OR ASSIGNS, Defendants.

BRABANT & MANNIKKO, PLLC  
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(989) 275-4365

### ORDER TO ANSWER

On the 19th day of May, 2004, an action was filed by Plaintiff, against Defendants in this court to pursue a judgment to vacate plats against the Defendants concerning the following described real property:

*The Plat of Chandra Village:*

Chandra Village being parts of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 3, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the SE corner of Section 3, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence N89°40'30"W along the South line of the section 2961.4 feet to the Southwesterly corner of the recorded plat of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1; thence Northerly along said West boundary; thence N47°31'40"W 288.24 feet; thence N26°35'40"W 220.0 feet; thence N59°20'E 690.0 feet; thence N10°32'20"W 86.45 feet; thence N30°31'20"W 360.0 feet; thence N25°09'20"W 155.55 feet; thence N09°20'W 170.0 feet; thence N86°15'40"E 156.75 feet; thence N07°40'E 59.72 feet; thence N81°15'E 156.8 feet; thence N8°08'E 150.0 feet; thence N30°03'E 234.3 feet; thence N9°13'30"E 105.0 feet; thence N2°11'1'E 379.65 feet; thence N18°41'50"E 40.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence N71°18'40"W 90.0 feet; thence S27°17'30"W 64.4 feet; thence S8°W 420.0 feet; thence S31°00'30"W 173.1 feet; thence S54°50'W 575.95 feet; thence Northwesterly along the arc of a 1889.32 foot radius curve to the left 58.0 feet having a central angle of 145° and along chord of 58.0 feet bearing N34°17'30"W; thence N35°10'W 393.0 feet; thence N50°E 451.5 feet; thence N29°20'30"E 62.85 feet; thence N8°E 324.0 feet; thence N21°E 85.0 feet; thence N55°41'30"E 309.35 feet; thence N63°11'30"E 280.0 feet; thence S46°31'30"E 176.8 feet; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a 225.1 foot radius curve to the left 85.0 feet having a central angle of 31°35'20" and a long chord of 116.35 feet bearing N58°40'10"E; thence S42°52'30"E 33.0 feet to the Northwesterly boundary of the recorded Plat of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2; thence S48°29'W along said boundary 180.0 feet; thence S18°41'20"W 80.0 feet to the point of beginning. Said plat consists of 22 lots numbered 1 through 22 inclusive and contains 15.73 acres.

*The Plat of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2*

South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2 being parts of the SE 1/4, the East 1/2 of SW 1/4, the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 3, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence N89°40'30"W along the South Section line, 1391.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N89°40'30"W along said section line 1569.8 feet; thence N47°31'40"W 288.24 feet; thence N26°35'40"W 220.0 feet; thence N59°20'E 690.0 feet; thence N10°32'20"W 86.45 feet; thence N30°31'20"W 360.0 feet; thence N25°09'20"W 155.55 feet; thence N09°20'W 170.0 feet; thence N86°15'40"E 156.75 feet; thence Northeast 60.0 feet on the arc of a curve to the right said curve having a radius of 237.06 feet, a central angle of 143°00'00" and a long chord of 59.72 feet bearing N07°40'E; thence N81°15'W 156.8 feet; thence N8°08'E 150.0 feet; thence N30°03'E 234.3 feet; thence N9°13'30"E 105.0 feet; thence N2°11'1'E 379.65 feet; thence N18°41'50"E 40.0 feet; thence N48°29'30"E 310.9 feet; thence N88°11'30"E 457.4 feet; thence S83°51'30"E 355.0 feet; thence N83°17'30"E 489.9 feet; thence S41°49'30"E 254.2 feet; thence S26°42'30"W 150.0 feet to the North line of recorded plat of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1; thence along said plat line S52°56'W 204.5 feet to the Easterly right-of-way of Westview Trail; thence Southeasterly along the arc of a 484.45 foot radius curve to the right 85.0 feet, said curve having a central angle of 10°03' and a long chord of 84.75 feet bearing S16°08'30"E; thence S78°52'W 66.0 feet; thence S11°08'E 41.4 feet; thence S74°W 210.0 feet to the Westerly

line of said plat; thence along said Westerly line S16°08'30"E 698.4 feet; thence S25°23'E 191.3 feet; thence S36°47'E 500.0 feet; thence S50°14'E 205.0 feet; thence S17°21'W 120.0 feet to the North right-of-way of Larial Lane; thence S72°44'E along said right-of-way 144.85 feet; thence S17°01'W 66.0 feet to the South right-of-way of Larial Lane; thence N72°44'E along said right-of-way 145.15 feet; thence S17°21'W 150.0 feet; thence N72°49'W 90.0 feet; thence S20°17'W 85.0 feet; thence S1°13'30"E 235.0 feet; thence S4°03'E 182.1 feet; thence S7°27'W 270.0 feet to the point of beginning. Said plat contains 170 lots numbered 119 to 288 inclusive, 2 private parks named Chaparral Park and Peacemaker Park and contains 123.1 acres.

Upon consideration of the Complaint of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the Defendant EDWARD J. WALTON'S address is unknown, and that therefore service upon Defendant of the Summons and copy of the Complaint in this action cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the Defendant can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, EDWARD J. WALTON, shall file his answer with the Court and serve a copy of his answer on the law offices BRABANT & MANNIKKO, PLLC, by Gerard F. Brabant, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35, Roscommon, MI 48653, or take

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County Avalanche.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted once each week for four (4) weeks in the Crawford County Building.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted at the above described parcel of land at a location visible from the nearest public road and access.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within 14 days from the date of entry of this Order.

Date of Order: 6/17/04

S/Alton T. Davis  
(P24472)  
Honorable Alton T. Davis  
Circuit Court Judge

-1-8-15-22

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgage. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky A. Reed, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan banking association, Mortgagee, dated August 11, 1989, and recorded on August 14, 1989 in Liber 300 on Page 511, and modified by agreement dated September 11, 1992, and recorded on November 5, 1992 in Liber 350 on Page 393, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six And 41/100 Dollars (\$10,966.41), including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 11, 2004.

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**VIKING JV'S COP TROPHY** - The Grayling Viking JV basketball team walked off with first place in the boy's summer basketball tournament held in Onaway June 18. Winning team members include, front row (from left): Terry Heckerthorn, Kris Mills, Mike Hickey, Jeff Branch. Back row (from left): Jim Stewart, Paul Hamlin, Wayne Ross, Barsie Cross, Dave Brooks and Coach Tom Mills. (July 9, 1981)

### 23 Years Ago

**July 9, 1981**

Miss Grayling for 1981 will be among the final six contestants for this weekend's National Cherry Festival Queen's Pageant in Traverse City. Eighteen year old Connie Keene, a 1981 graduate of Grayling High School was chosen to be among the final six contestants from a field of 21 young women from Traverse City and many other northern Michigan communities.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Thayer were in attendance at the Republican State Committee meeting at Lake Superior State College recently.

Another new employee of the Golden Touch is Gail Swope who comes to Grayling from Ypsilanti with nine years of experience.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Mara

of Montrose celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a party at their Grayling home on June 27. The hosts were their children, Ellen and Jon Thompson, Cindy and Herb Olson, Mary and Janna O'Mara, Bill and Sue O'Mara, Jr., John O'Mara and Dennis O'Mara.

### 46 Years Ago

**July 10, 1958**

Welsh Motor Sales sold in June a Ford Fairlane Town Sedan to Edward V. Sorenson and a Ford 2-door Custom 300 Sedan to Gertrude Wakeley through the Grayling Business Association.

Molly Ann Peterson celebrated her seventh birthday, July 2, by inviting ten of her little friends to her home on the AuSable River. Everyone had a good time playing games, dancing to the record

player and enjoying the birthday cake and ice cream.

Ricky Post has taken over the Detroit papers and is doing a nice job being on time.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Day have opened the new drive-in eating restaurant on US-27 in Grayling's new shopping center. The Days moved here sometime ago from Denver, CO. They have two children, Judy who is 12, and Mark who is 10. They are making their home at present with Mrs. H.C. Schmidt on Michigan Avenue.

### 69 Years Ago

**July 11, 1935**

Roy Papendick is erecting a new house on his farm at Beaver Creek. Relatives met there for an old fashioned "raising bee" on Thursday to aid him. The affair wound up with a 4th of July picnic lunch served by the ladies.

The new addition to the Lovely's restaurant was ready for business today, and the staff is prepared to take care of the rush of business that is sure to flood every business in town during the homecoming. The section, formerly used for restaurant service, will be used strictly for a beer parlor. The new section to be used for dining service with beer served with meals only.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McClanahan have been enjoying a visit from ex-Governor Comstock at their summer home on the AuSable River.

Hartwick Pines State Park, which contains the largest remaining stand of virgin white pine in the lower peninsula, will be formally dedicated in honor of

the late Major Edward K. Hartwick, at a public ceremony to be held in the park Friday afternoon, July 19, in connection with the Grayling homecoming week.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Joseph accompanied by Mrs. Harry Connine and Carl Johnson drove to Empire and spent the Fourth at the Norconk farm. They say Carl ate four chickens.

### 92 Years Ago

**July 11, 1912**

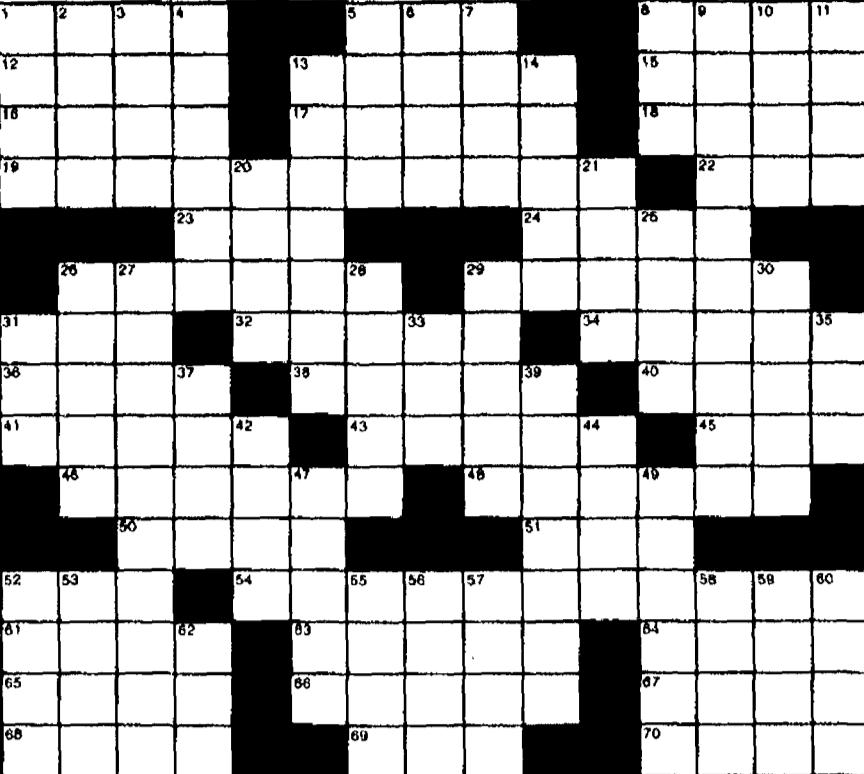
A fine, large chicken coop has been built at Mercy Hospital and they are now looking for chickens to put in it.

Elmer Ostrander was resting on the new mown hay in his barn July 4, when the lightning by some curious freak struck under the barn, driving out a lot of pigs and chickens in a hurry. No damage was done.

The three hundred people who were returning to their homes from the celebration at Grayling on the 9:30 M & N.E. train July 4, were saved from crashing into a large pine tree which had fallen across the track by a Mr. Wilkinson, who flagged the train.

Our ball team drove to Waters Sunday to have a practice game with John Bishop's players. Upon arrival they were greeted by a few loyal fans and a very wet shower. They took a picnic lunch at the Stephan Lumber Co. Store. Earl Woodburn and Carl Johnson, with the strong support of Manager H. Hanson, and the Grayling fans, took on the Waters bunch and played a five inning game, winning 5 to 3.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Vasco da ... the first European to sail to India.
2. ... Buttrram, Mr. Haney on Green Acres.
3. To draw out and twist in preparation for spinning.
4. Causes to become old.
5. Roman god identified with all beginnings.
6. Squared block of stone.
7. Scriptural-Itallic language of Theravada Buddhism.
8. At once.
9. Favorite of cats.
10. Acronym for Stealth Digital Analyzer.
11. Concentrating on a particular place.
12. Vessels used for serving coffee.
13. Sequence of adjacent bits, operated on as a unit by a computer.
14. Island in the Caribbean Sea south of Cuba.
15. To overcast to prevent fraying.
16. Acronym for Institute of Biomedical Sciences.
17. Alvin ... American hero in WWI battle of Argonne.
18. Expression of unhappiness.
19. Person who strongly dislikes something.
20. Looking intently at.
21. Pendgrass, known for the big hit, "Can't We Try."
22. Flared end of wind instruments.
23. Short informal letters.
24. Acronym for Pulse Shape Discriminator.
25. Keanu Reeves role in The Matrix.
26. Word used to indicate that a message on a tow-way radio circuit is complete.
27. Peso of the Philippines.
28. Able to be eaten.
29. Variant of through.
30. Number of players on a baseball team.
31. Dorothy ... photographed the Japanese interment camps during WWII.
32. Relatively rich in protein.
33. Money assessed.
34. 17th state in the Union.
35. ... Fabian, known for the hit tune "Love by Grace."
36. ... Illich, co-founder of Center for Intercultural Documentation.
37. Quantity of food.
38. Infinitesimal amount.
39. Louse eggs.
40. Thick, semiliquid substance.
41. Acronym for Phi Theta Kappa.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## Seafood Salad

1/2 lb. snapper fillets, cut into 1-1/2 inch chunks and poached  
1/4 lb. small bay scallops, poached  
1/4 lb. medium shrimp, peeled, deveined and poached  
1 cup diced avocado  
3/4 cup California Black Ripe Olives, halved  
1/2 cup chopped green onion  
1/4 cup olive oil  
1/4 cup lime juice

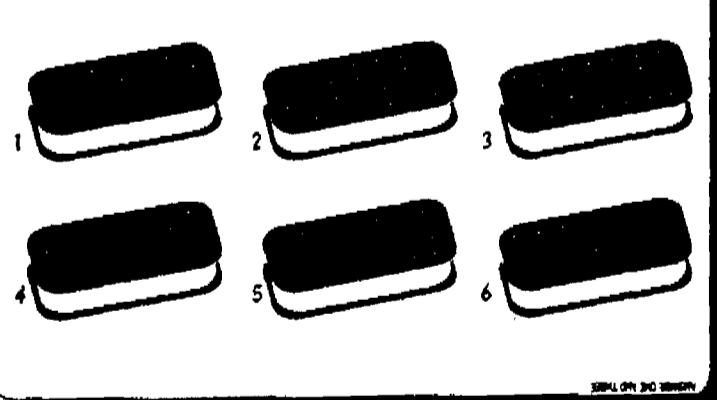
3 Tbsp. chopped cilantro  
3/4 tsp. kosher salt  
Pinch cayenne

In a large mixing bowl, combine snapper, scallops, shrimp, avocado, California Black Ripe Olives and green onions. Season with olive oil, lime juice, cilantro, salt and cayenne. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving. Serves 4.

## KIDS

## FIND THE TWINS

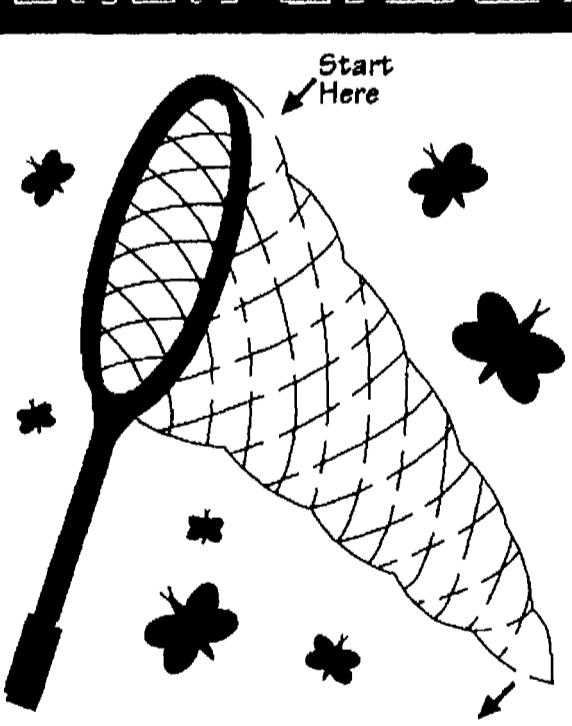
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## DID YOU KNOW ??

In Alaska, it is legal to shoot bears, however, waking a sleeping bear for the purpose of taking a photograph is prohibited

## MAZE



## ADOPT A PET



Pedler is a neutered male Chocolate Lab mix. He is about 10 months old and is going to be a nice, medium size dog. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

To help raise funds for shelter operations, two barrels have been placed near the gates to receive donations of return-deposit cans and bottles. You can also help support the shelter by visiting its exhibit at this Saturday's Wellington Farm Park Free Fair, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Creature Comfort Cook Books are still available for a donation of \$15 at the Medicina Shoppe, Riverland Gear and the Avalanche. New 2005 Pet and Dog Calendars are available at the Avalanche and the shelter for a donation of \$5.

Now that the weather is getting hot and steamy, remember to provide your pets with a cool place to stay and fresh water. Don't leave your pets in a hot vehicle! even with the windows down a bit, the interior of your vehicle can reach upwards of 120 degrees within 10 minutes when it is 85 degrees outside. Make a few frozen bullion or broth treats for your pet... they will help them cool off and they will love you for it!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:

508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of July 8, 2004



Stop complaining and start doing. By applying yourself, you can make a difference. Stand up for what you believe in.



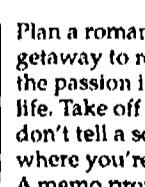
Go ahead and attend your friend's party. You'll have more fun than you ever thought possible. A blunder tests your patience.



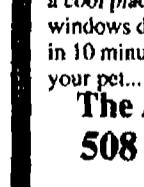
Office politics are at an all-time high. It may be hard, but keep your opinions to yourself. Doing so will pay off in the long run.



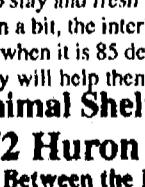
Plan a romantic getaway to revive the passion in your life. Take off and don't tell a soul where you're going. A memo provides insight into a questionable business deal.



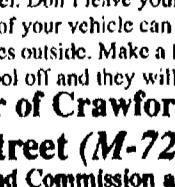
A confrontation at home is inevitable, but it doesn't have to be hostile. Speak from the heart and a positive resolution will appear.



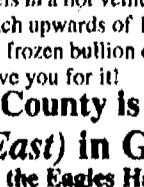
You find it tough to concentrate. Your mind seems to have taken a vacation. Don't fight it. Instead, take a few days off and go somewhere you've never been to.



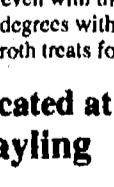
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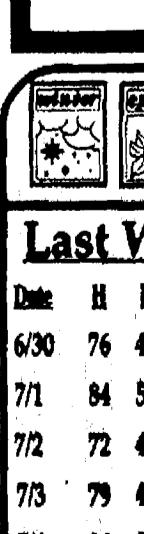
Wondering why you are here? Well, stop thinking about it. Something happens that gives you a reason for being.



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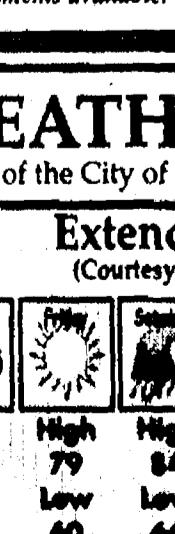
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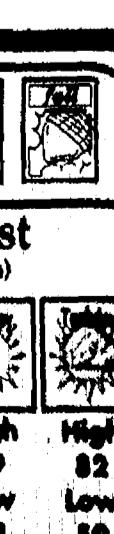
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## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

| Date | H  | L  | Rain |
|------|----|----|------|
| 6/30 | 76 | 46 | 0    |
| 7/1  | 84 | 55 | 0.03 |
| 7/2  | 72 | 42 | 0    |
| 7/3  | 79 | 43 | 0.14 |
| 7/4  | 84 | 56 | 0.55 |
| 7/5  | 77 | 53 | 0    |
| 7/6  | 72 | 53 | 0    |

### Extended Forecast

| (Courtesy of the Weather.com) |               |         |        |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| Today                         | Sunny         | High 70 | Low 54 |
| Friday                        | Partly Cloudy | High 79 | Low 64 |
| Saturday                      | Cloudy        | High 80 | Low 70 |
| Sunday                        | Cloudy        | High 82 | Low 59 |
| Monday                        | Cloudy        | High 80 | Low 59 |
| Tuesday                       | Cloudy        | High 82 | Low 59 |
| Wednesday                     | Cloudy        | High 82 | Low 59 |
| Thursday                      | Cloudy        | High 82 | Low 59 |



QUALITY BUILT 3 BEDROOM 2 bath home with attached, heated, 2-car garage. Amenities include oak flooring, wiring for surround sound, heated tile floors in bathrooms, deck and storage shed. Located at 3151 Jones Lake Road, in AuSable Woods - includes use of clubhouse and pool. \$119,000. (989) 348-3587. Owners motivated to sell! (LR7/29/04/1)

**CAMP IN YOUR POLE** barn on 10+ acres in Lovells. Paved road, excellent building site close to AuSable, Shupac, snowmobile trails. \$49,000 land contract possible 344-8032. (-SGF-1-8-15-22-29/1)

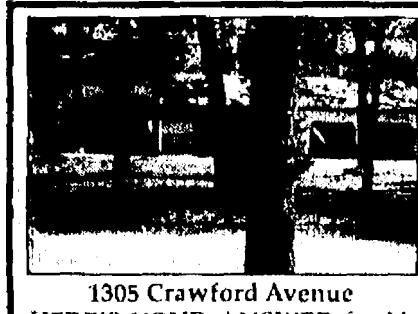
**HOME IN TOWN** for sale by owner. 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Fenced backyard. Full basement. Call for appointment. 348-7246. (-1-8/1)

**A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD** can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - 348-6811

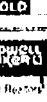
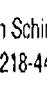
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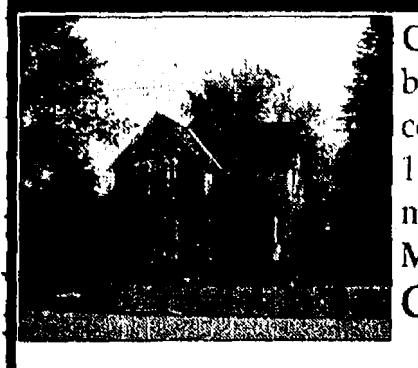
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## 9. Personals



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Our Bailey Lynn is turning four!  
Happy Birthday Bailey!  
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## 9. Personals

### 90th Birthday Open House

An open house will be held in honor of Vivian Campbell's 90th Birthday on Sunday, July 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd. (Old M-76). Vivian's Children invite family and friends to stop in and help him celebrate. No gifts please, but you may present him with birthday cards and your good wishes. Vivian has lived in Grayling since 1953.

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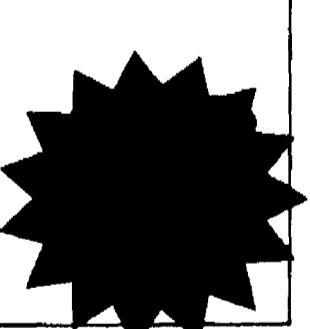
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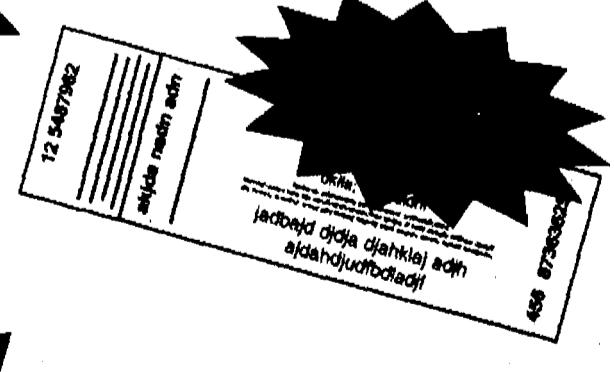


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